

A large, detailed manga-style illustration of a man with long, dark, spiky hair and a slight, enigmatic smile. He is wearing a light-colored suit jacket over a white shirt and a dark tie. The background behind him is a dark, textured surface with a large, white, mechanical gear visible in the upper right corner.

# Prologue

His life changes completely that day.  
As his body transforms, an urge for destruction wells up within him. Where did things go astray...?

## Frederic Bulsara

He's researching energy mechanics at a facility in America along with Asuka and Aria. He's rugged, lazy, and can't be bothered to speak politely, but he's not a bad guy.



## Asuka R. Kreutz

A genius scientist who completed the principle behind Gear cells along with Frederick and Aria.  
He was a mild-mannered and gentle man, yet when he tried to bring change to the world...



## Aria

A highly talented woman who researches together with Frederick and Asuka.  
She's in a relationship with Frederick.



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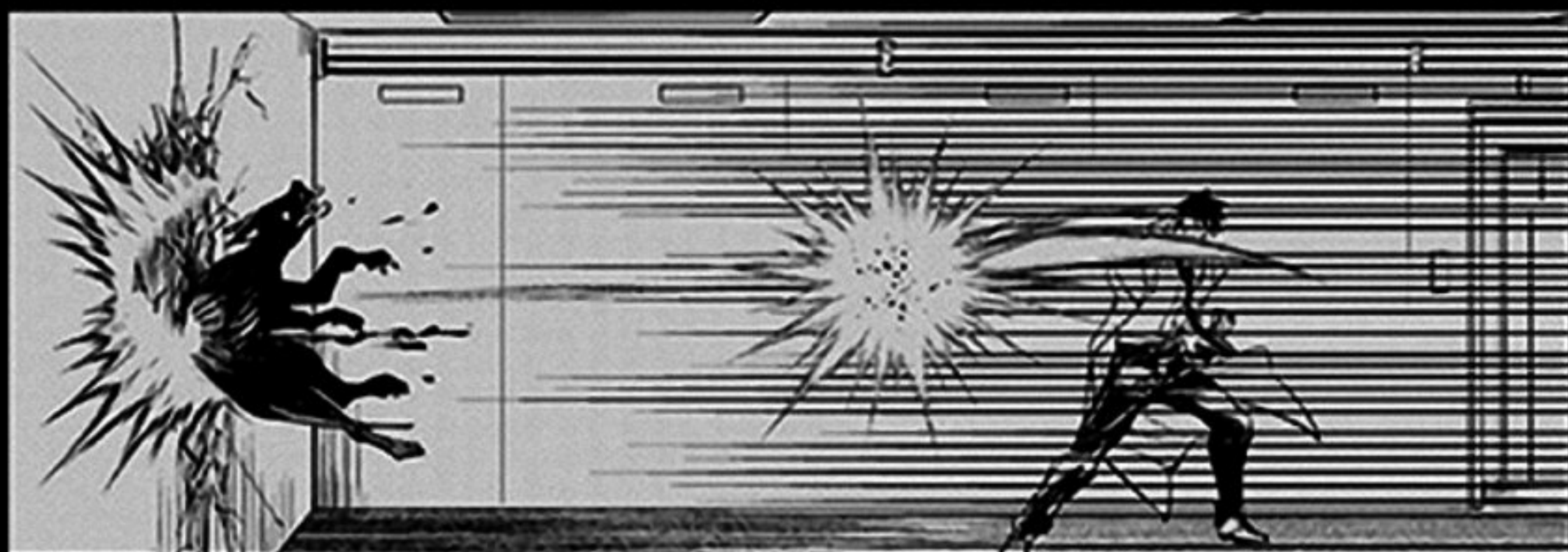
Somewhere  
in country A—





would  
change  
my life  
and  
the world  
completely.

The  
incident  
here  
just a  
few hours  
earlier



It was like  
something  
out of a  
comic or  
movie.



For a while now,  
my head's been full  
of this one word  
and I can't get it  
out of my mind.

Yet  
somehow,  
I don't think  
I'll be  
selling  
the movie  
rights.







**Frederick**



**Frederick!**

**Aria——**



destroyed it?



For me,  
this place  
embodied  
my ideals...

Who...



That's right.

Frederick



Who——



Why...  
did you  
do this  
to me!?

When  
did you  
betray  
us!?



You're  
kidding,  
right?

Hey...

Tell me this  
is just a  
sick joke!

This is  
all for the  
future  
of the  
Gear  
Project.

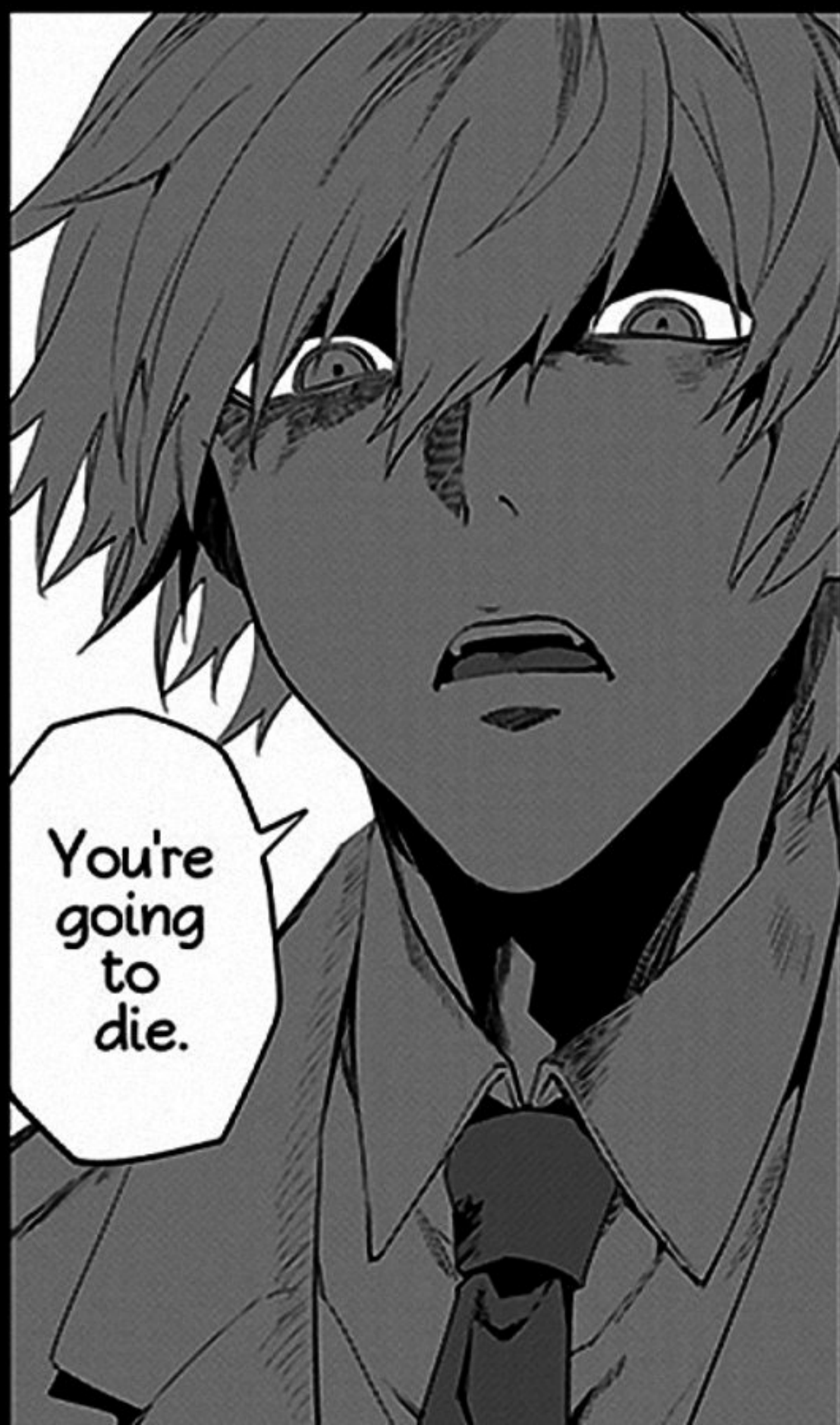






I thought  
of you as  
a true  
friend!

I  
always  
trusted  
you...



You're  
going  
to  
die.



Frederick



This  
is  
my  
revenge.


Works  
for  
me...

No clue  
why you  
made me  
into a  
monster,

but I'll take on  
the role  
as you wish...

**BAM**





Gears are biological weapons, and do not generally possess wills of their own. However, a Gear with a will appeared among them. This Gear, who would later be known as the destructive force Justice, subjugated all other Gears and rebelled against humanity. So began the century-long conflict between mankind and the Gears, the Crusades.

# Chapter 1



## Sol Badguy

He's joined the specialized anti-Gear elite troops known as the Sacred Order of Holy Knights after being recruited by their leader, Kliff Undersn. Due to his personality, he goes solo even within the group.



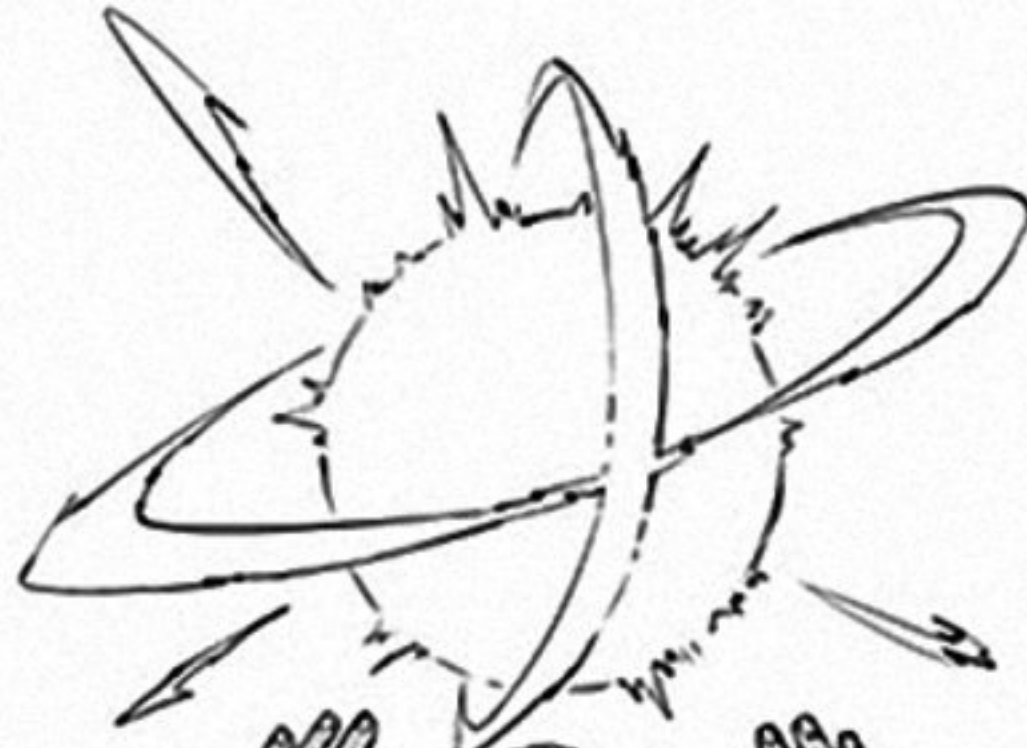
## Ky Kiske

A genius swordsman with a promising future, he's been assigned as a squadron leader of the Sacred Order at a young age. He gets irritated at Sol as he disrupts the troop's discipline, but he acknowledges his abilities.



humanity  
succeeded  
in the  
theorization  
of  
"magic,"  
creating  
a limitless  
energy  
source.

At  
the end of  
the  
20th  
century,

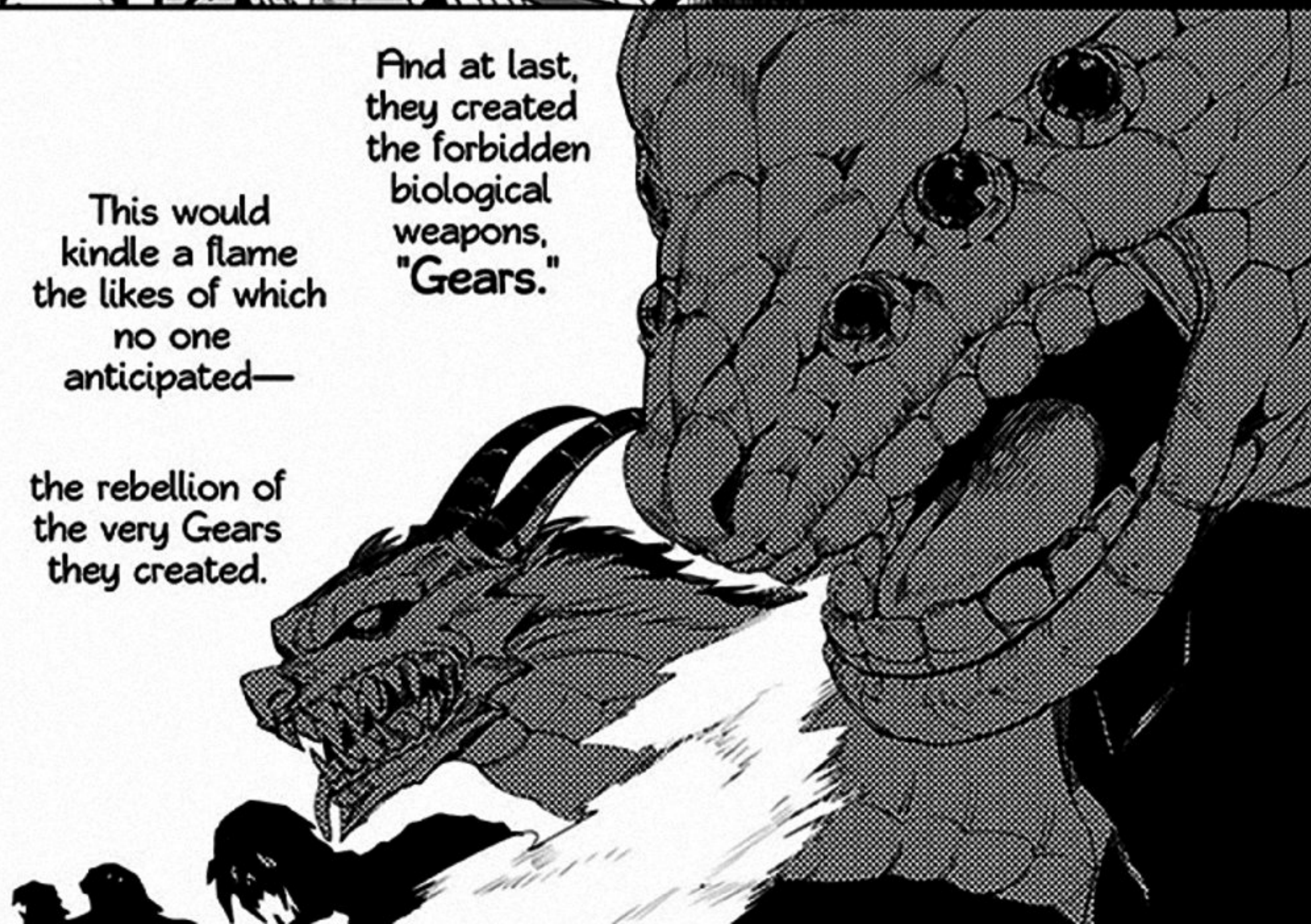


Yet,  
they could not  
bring an end  
to the conflicts  
between  
themselves.

This would  
kindle a flame  
the likes of which  
no one  
anticipated—

the rebellion of  
the very Gears  
they created.

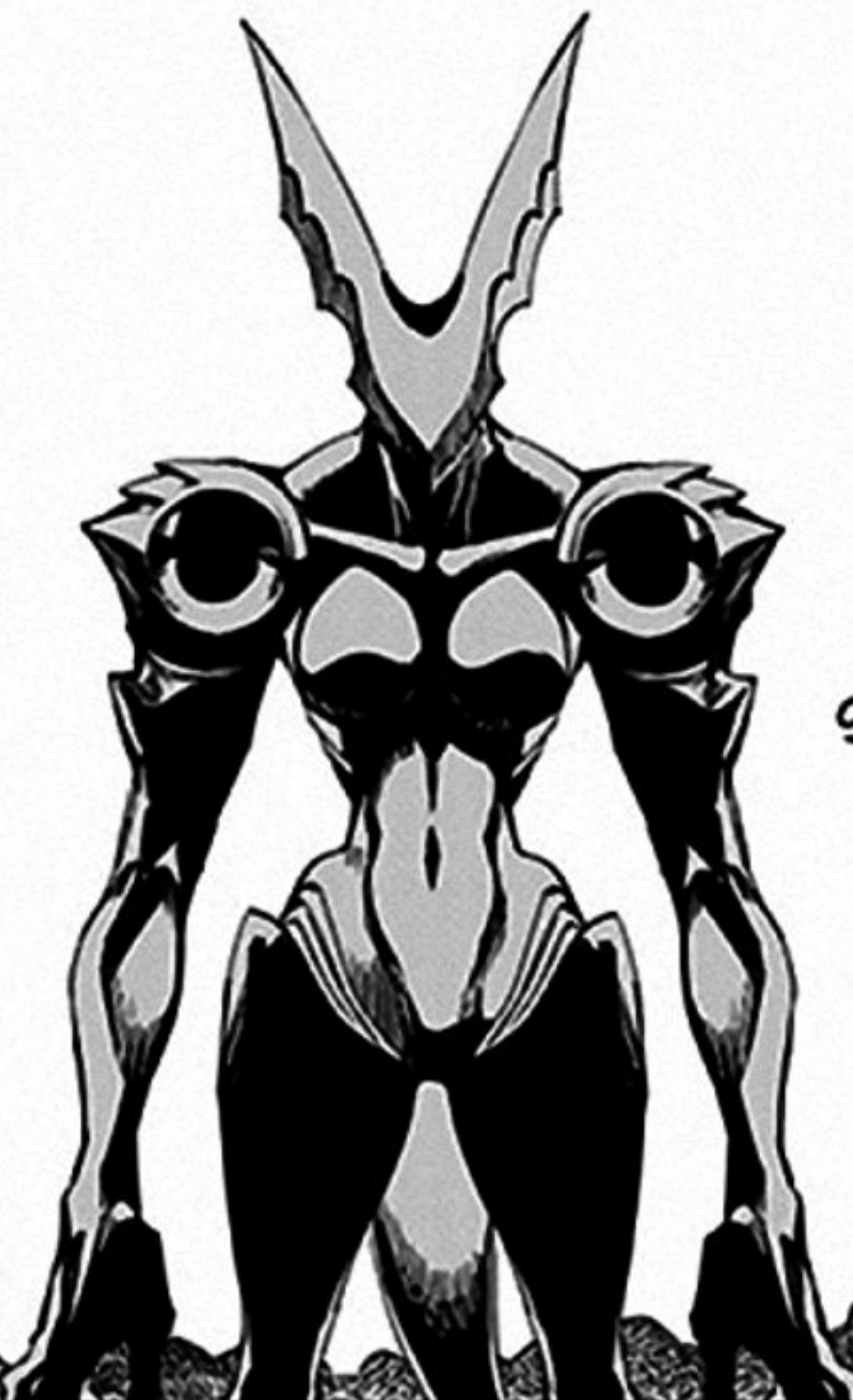
And at last,  
they created  
the forbidden  
biological  
weapons,  
"Gears."





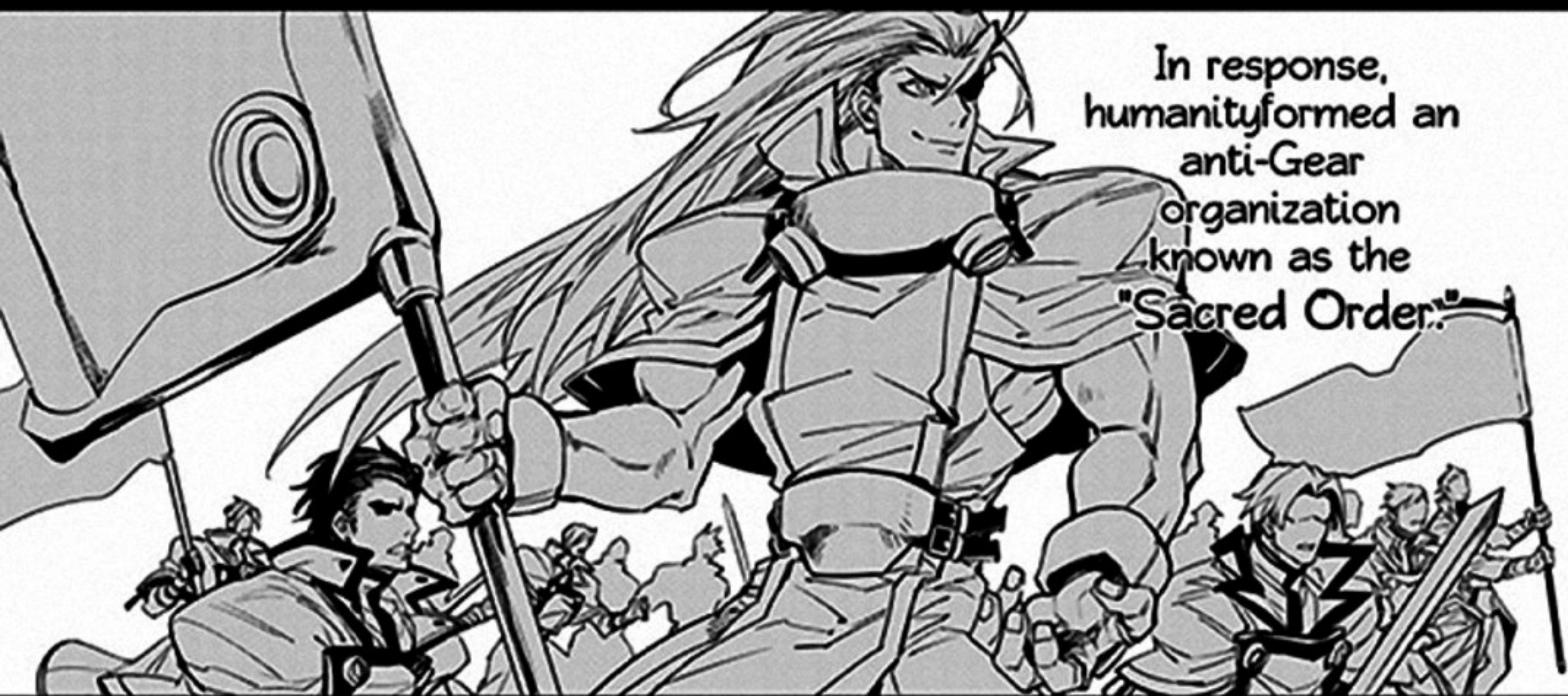
calling herself  
"Justice."

With Gears  
all over the world  
on her side,  
she declared war  
on humanity.



One day,  
from the midst  
of the supposedly  
obedient Gears,

came forth  
a single Gear  
who possessed  
great combat ability  
and  
a strong will,



In response,  
humanity formed an  
anti-Gear  
organization  
known as the  
"Sacred Order."

And thus began the

"Crusades,"

which would last a weary  
one hundred years——



AD 2172



Has mommy ever lied to you?

Yes.

Really...?

Nope...

It's alright...

I'm sure the Holy Knights will come and save us any moment now.

Right about now—

Yes... Let's trust in them and wait.

I just wish the Holy Knights would hurry up and beat Justice already...

















Rumble

I won't  
let you  
live...

Not a  
single  
one of  
you!



**Rumble**

# Gun Blaze

**!!**

Flutter  
flutter

flutter







every last  
one of  
the weapons  
"he"  
made...  
Gears.

and  
focused solely  
on going around  
and  
destroying

No longer  
human,  
I gave up  
my name,



SOL!



That's why now  
I'm wearing this  
lame uniform,

as a member  
of the  
"Sacred Order,"  
or whatever...





Sol  
Badguy!



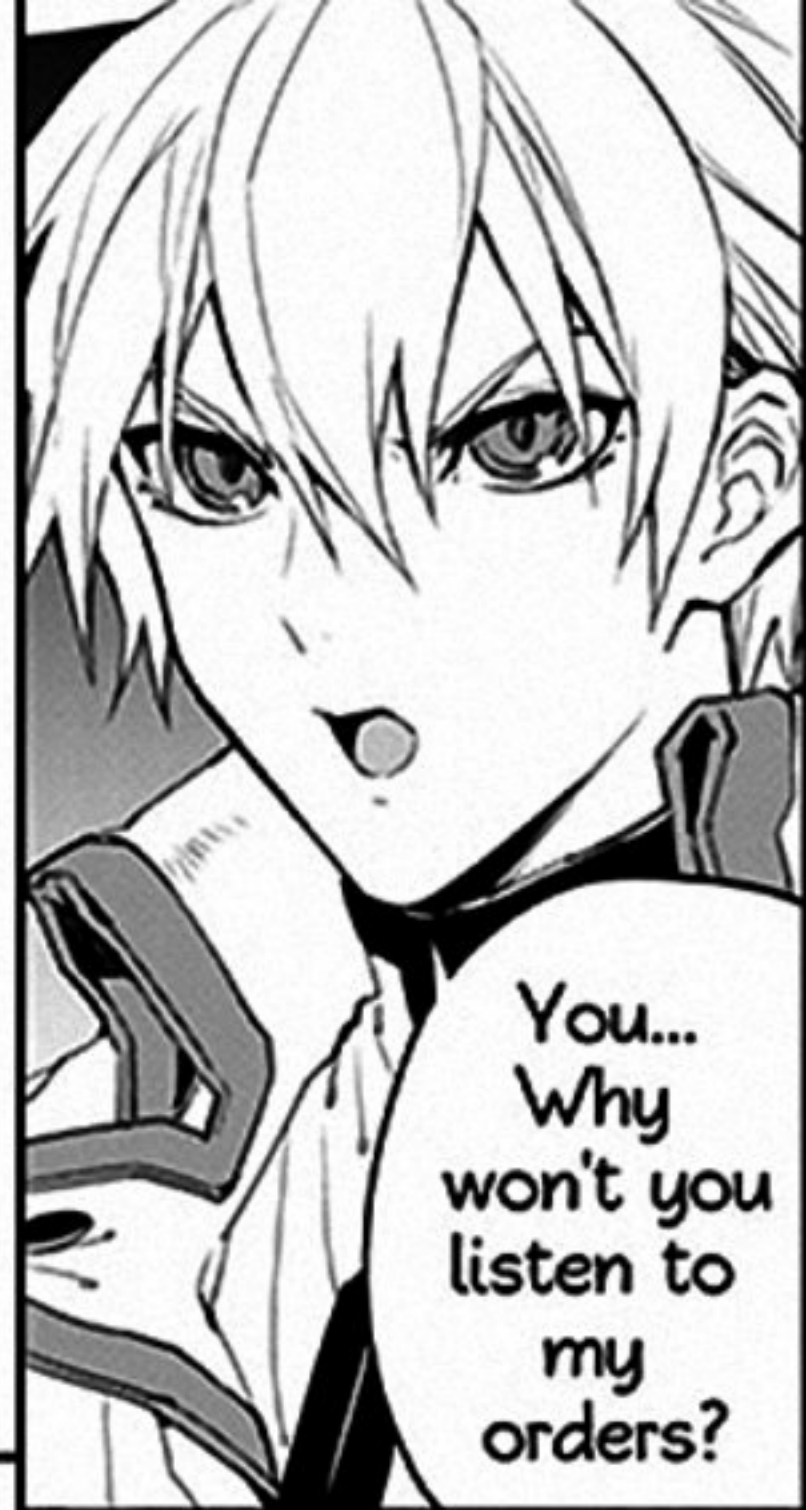
Here  
comes  
the  
oh so holy  
fussy  
Captain  
himself.



...  
What  
is  
it?











...It's  
about  
time,  
I  
guess.



I'll grab  
what I need  
and make a  
run for it  
today.

If I'm gonna  
pull this off,  
better sooner  
than later...





Spark

Spark

You do realize that's one of the Sacred Treasures, the Fireseal, don't you?

You... What are you doing over there?

Sol !













Crash

Grab

How  
classy  
of  
you.

Crash

Hah //

Agh...!



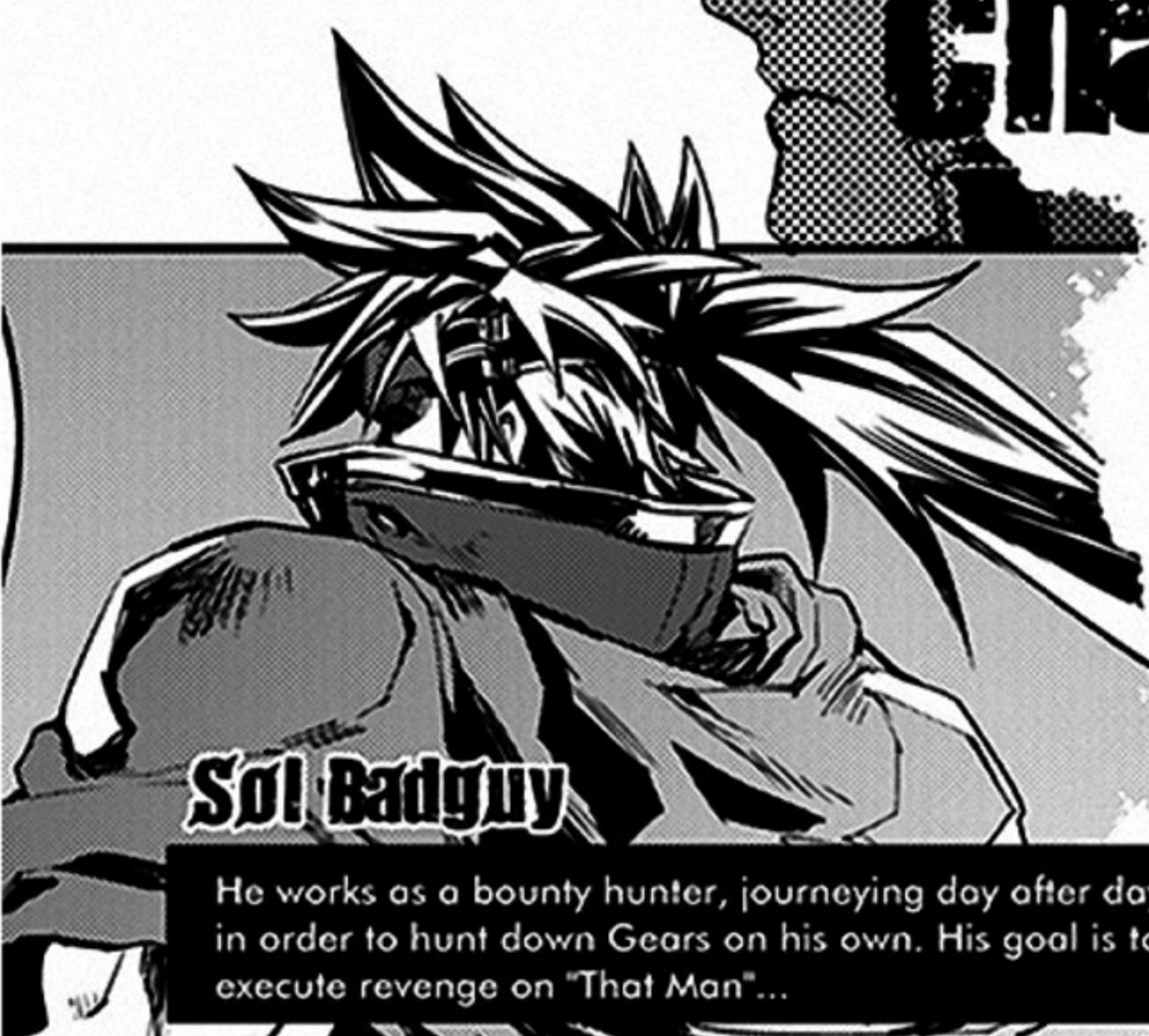
**Bang**





# Chapter 2


## The Crusades

A black and white illustration of Sol Badguy, a character with spiky, light-colored hair and a dark visor covering his eyes. He is wearing a dark, tactical-looking jacket with a high collar. He is shown from the chest up, looking slightly to the right with a serious expression. The background is a simple, dark, rocky landscape.

The Crusades wage on. Mankind has slowly taken the upperhand thanks to the work of the Sacred Order of Holy Knights. The strongest Gear, the destructive force Justice, appears before them at last.

### Sol Badguy

He works as a bounty hunter, journeying day after day in order to hunt down Gears on his own. His goal is to execute revenge on "That Man"...

A black and white illustration of Justice, a Gear character. She has a large, bird-like head with a prominent beak and large, round, expressive eyes. She is wearing a dark, high-collared garment. She is shown from the chest up, looking directly at the viewer with a slight smile. The background is a simple, dark, rocky landscape.

After the retirement of the former leader Kliff Undersn, he took on the position of leader of the Sacred Order of Holy Knights. In addition to his genius at swordsmanship, he excels at strategy and warfare, while also possessing charisma that unites the Sacred Order, giving hope to humanity.

### Ky Kiske

### Justice

The first Gear to show a will of her own. She has the ability to command all other Gears, and set them against mankind, causing the Crusades.





**Several years later...**



**AD 2175**



.....

It's  
close...  
So, it's  
almost  
time.







Melee  
platoon,  
magic  
platoon,  
both facing  
critical  
losses!



The magic  
support  
platoon's  
defensive  
seal  
has been  
broken!

At this  
rate,  
our  
brigade's  
defeat is  
inevitable!



Is  
this  
where  
it  
ends...?







Sorry  
I'm late.

Leader  
!!





Honorable  
Holy  
Knights!!

Rise up!!

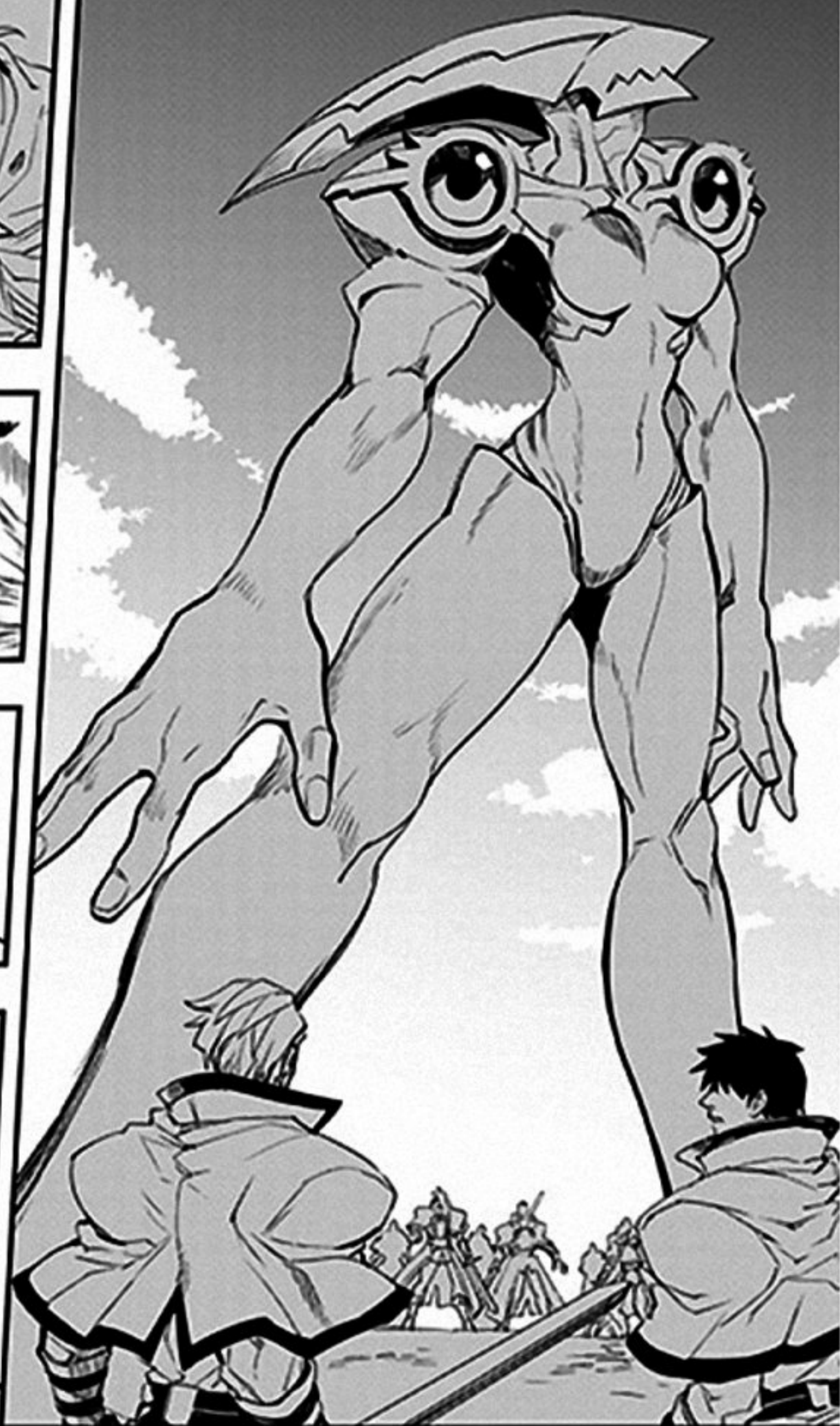


Yeeeahh!

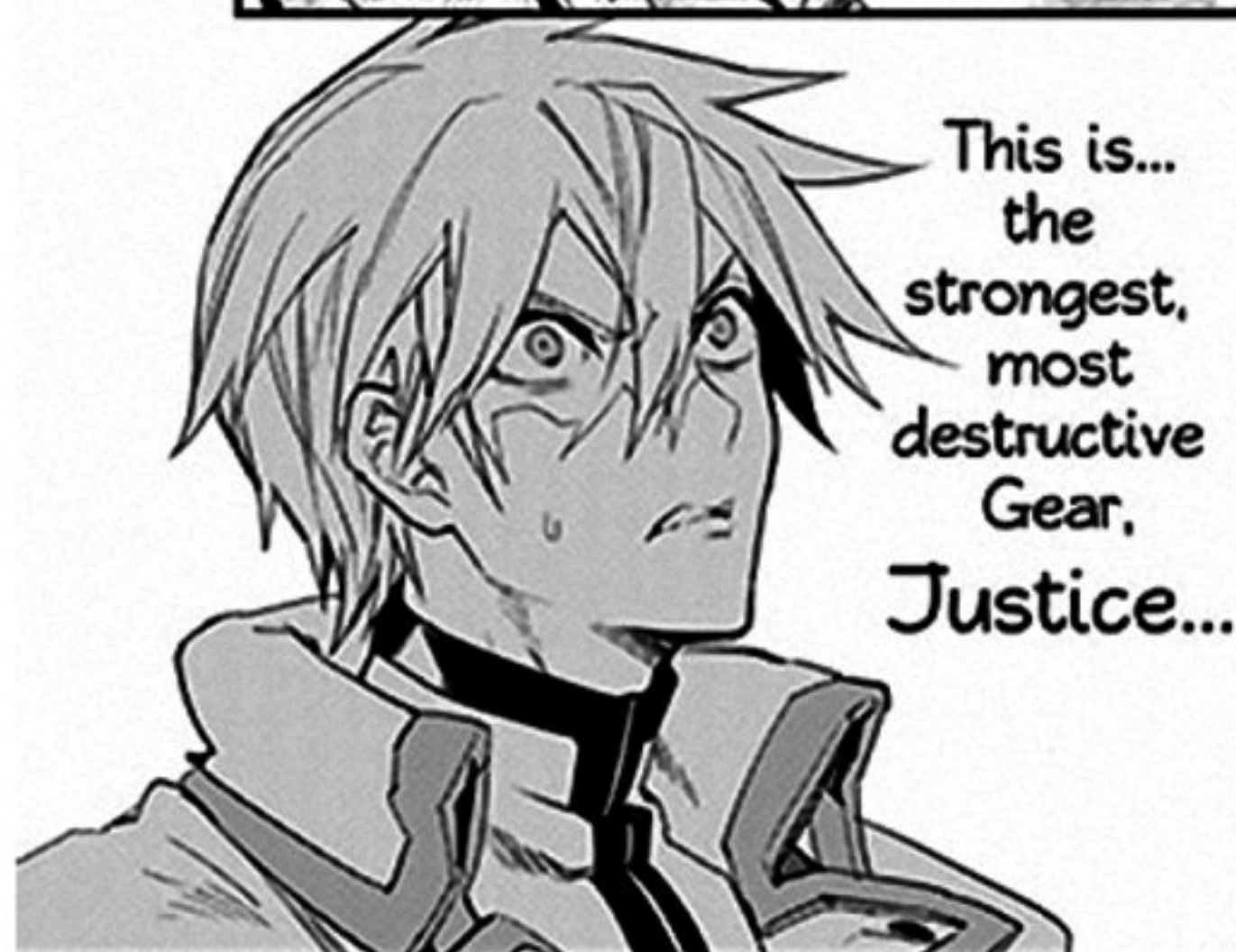








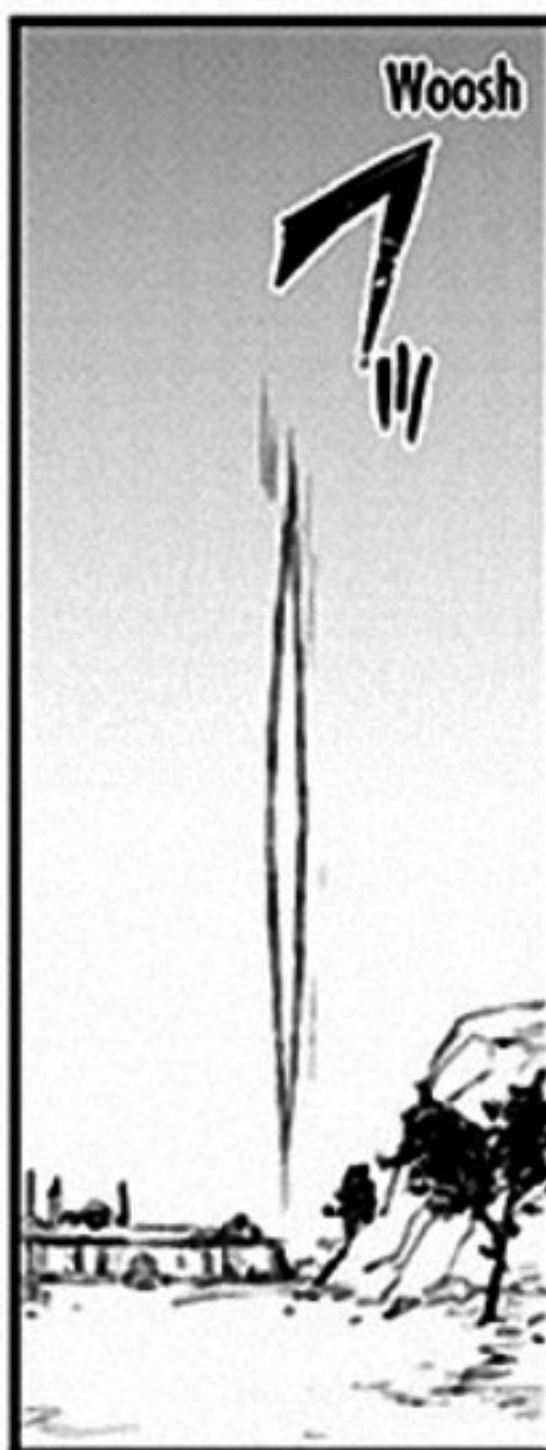




This is...  
the  
strongest,  
most  
destructive  
Gear,  
Justice...



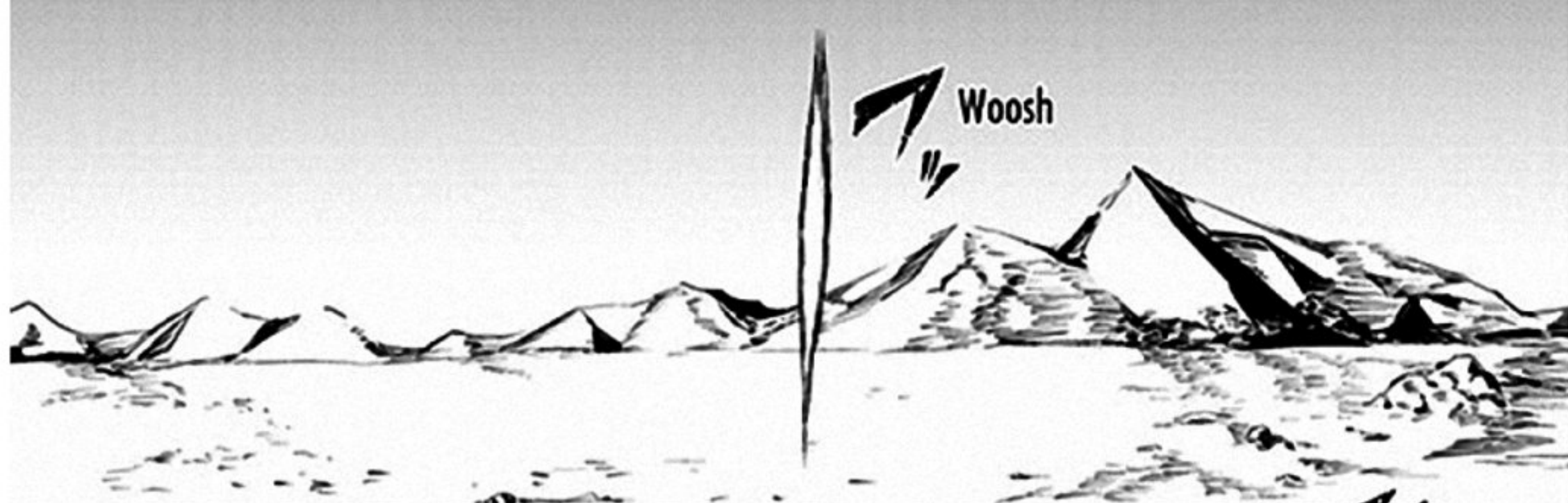
For now,  
we shall  
retreat  
and recover  
our  
position!



Woosh



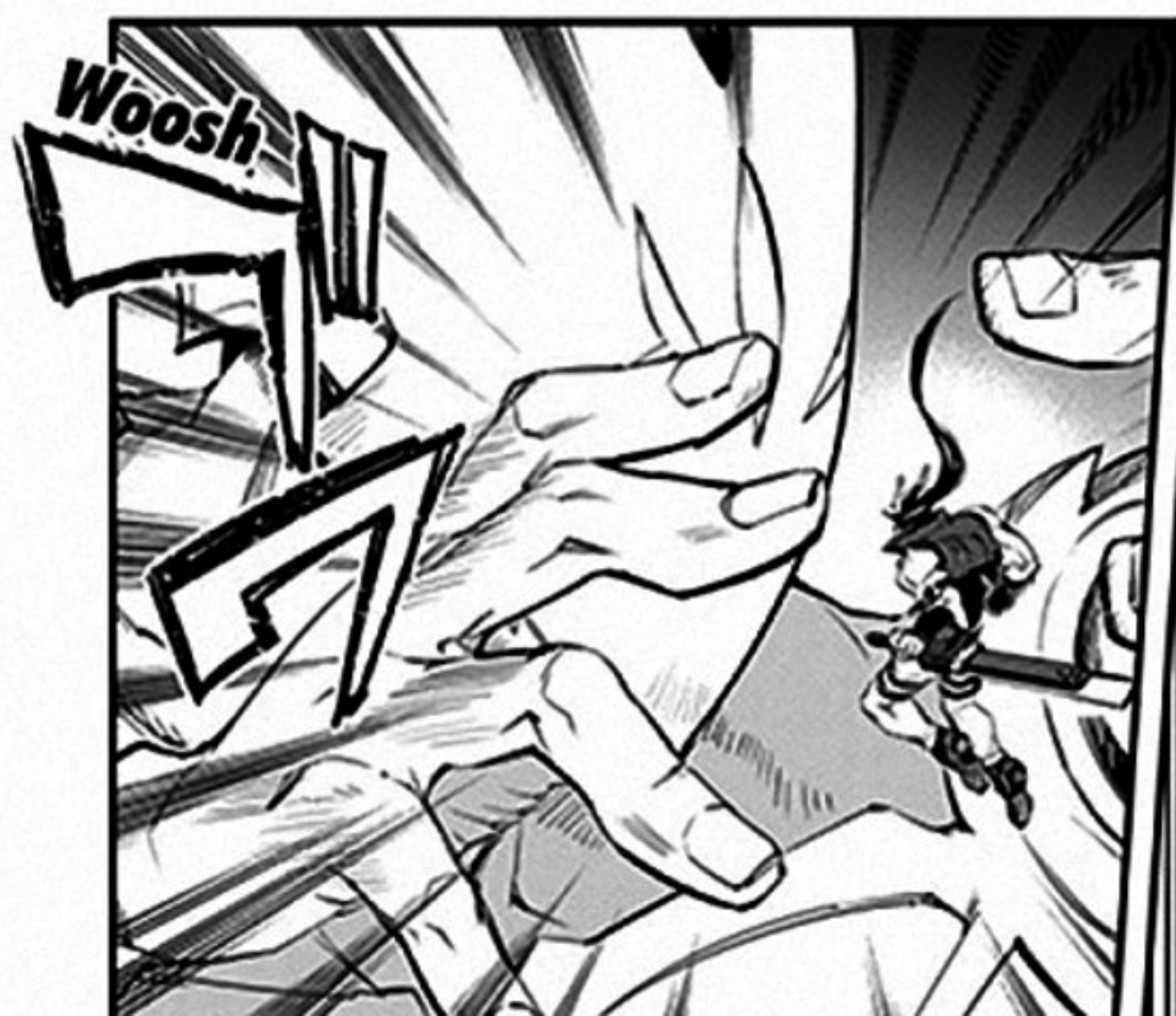
















Smack


Clack clack clack

Wooosh







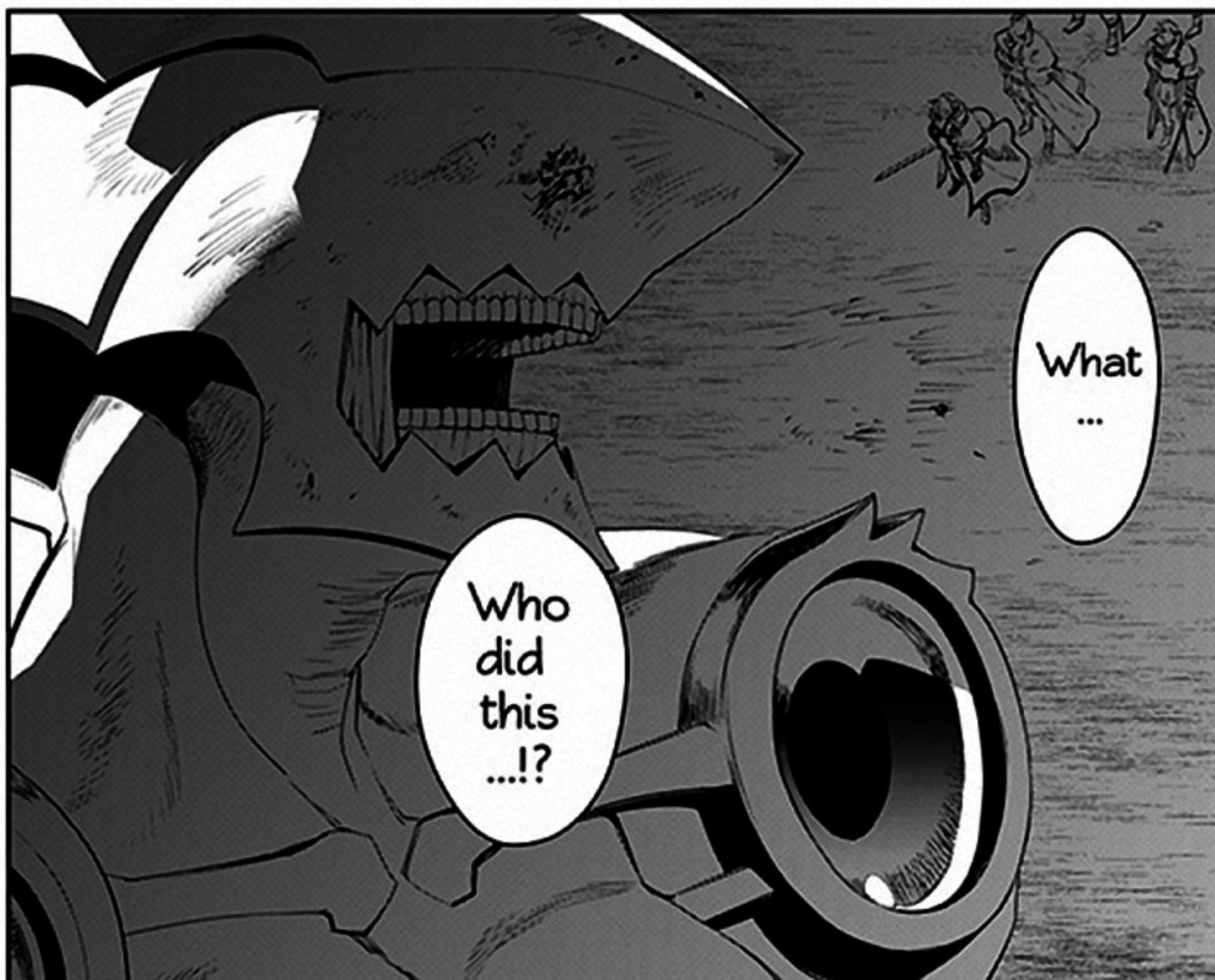


...  
See  
ya.

FREE

Voom









**And so,  
after  
100 years,  
the curtains  
closed  
on the  
Crusades.**





# Chapter 3

## GUILTY GEAR

After a hard battle, Justice was sealed in a dimensional prison thanks to the efforts of Sol and the Sacred Order of Holy Knights. The peace does not last long, however. An unknown force works secretly to revive Justice.



### Sol Badguy

Sol continues to journey as a bounty hunter. However, the number of surviving Gears decreases year by year. His targets have shifted to human criminals. He then hears of the "Second Sacred Order of Holy Knights Tournament" being held. Finding it suspicious, Sol decides to join the tournament.



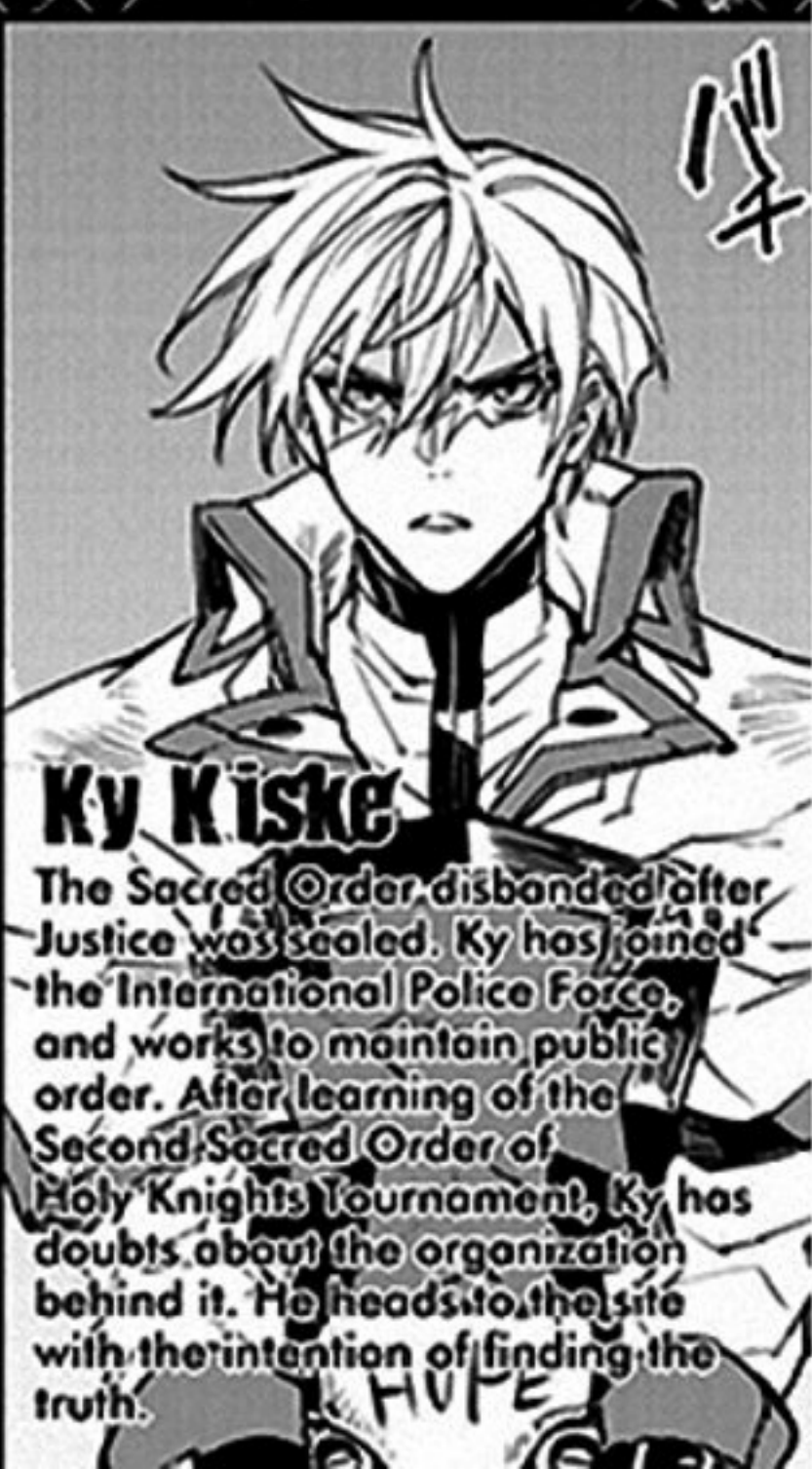
### Testament

A semi-independent Gear developed as part of the strategy by a certain developed country. Although he can make actions of his own, he can't escape from Justice's control. He works secretly with the Second Sacred Order of Holy Knights Tournament as a cover.



### Justice (Before Awakening)

The destructive force that once brought humanity to the brink of destruction. She's currently sealed in a dimensional prison, with almost all of her abilities frozen.



### Ky Kiske

The Sacred Order disbanded after Justice was sealed. Ky has joined the International Police Force, and works to maintain public order. After learning of the Second Sacred Order of Holy Knights Tournament, Ky has doubts about the organization behind it. He heads to the site with the intention of finding the truth.





### Axl Low

A former gangster born in England, he's an easy-going, cheerful guy. One day, he suddenly started to slip through time, and has been wandering between eras ever since. His only ambition is to return to his original time and reunite with his girlfriend Megumi.



### Chipp Zanuff

He was once a wanted criminal, until he met the ninja Tsuyoshi, who was also a Holy Knight, and was reborn. He's sworn revenge on the Assassin's Guild, which was responsible for the death of his master Tsuyoshi. He also is constantly working to become President in order to bring peace to the world.



### Kliff Undersn

A hero who wields the Dragonslayer, a blade that can cut down even dragons, and the former leader of the Sacred Order of Holy Knights. Sol saved his life once in the past. He's Testament's adopted father, as well.



### Zato-One

The current leader of the Assassin's Guild. He's gained the ability to control shadows by using the Forbidden Arts, but at the cost of his eyesight. He was imprisoned after the betrayal of his former subordinate and lover Millia, but he joins the Tournament after receiving an invitation from a mysterious individual.



### May

She's a war orphan, and one of the few surviving Japanese people. The noble thief Johnny found her, and has raised her as a member of the Jellyfish Pirates. Despite her cute looks, she's incredibly strong. She's head over heels for Johnny.



### Potemkin

He was originally an enslaved soldier of the Militarized State of Zepp. Thanks to the coup d'état led by Gabriel, who would later become Potemkin's teacher, the country became the Independent Airborne State of Zepp with a democratic government. Gabriel was voted president, and Potemkin was freed from slavery, becoming a soldier of his own will instead.



### Dr. Baldhead

He was born in China. He was a genius doctor, but he lost his mind after a mistake during treatment caused the death of a young girl, turning him into a murderer. As he committed mass murder, he's been sealed in a dimensional prison.



### Millia Rage

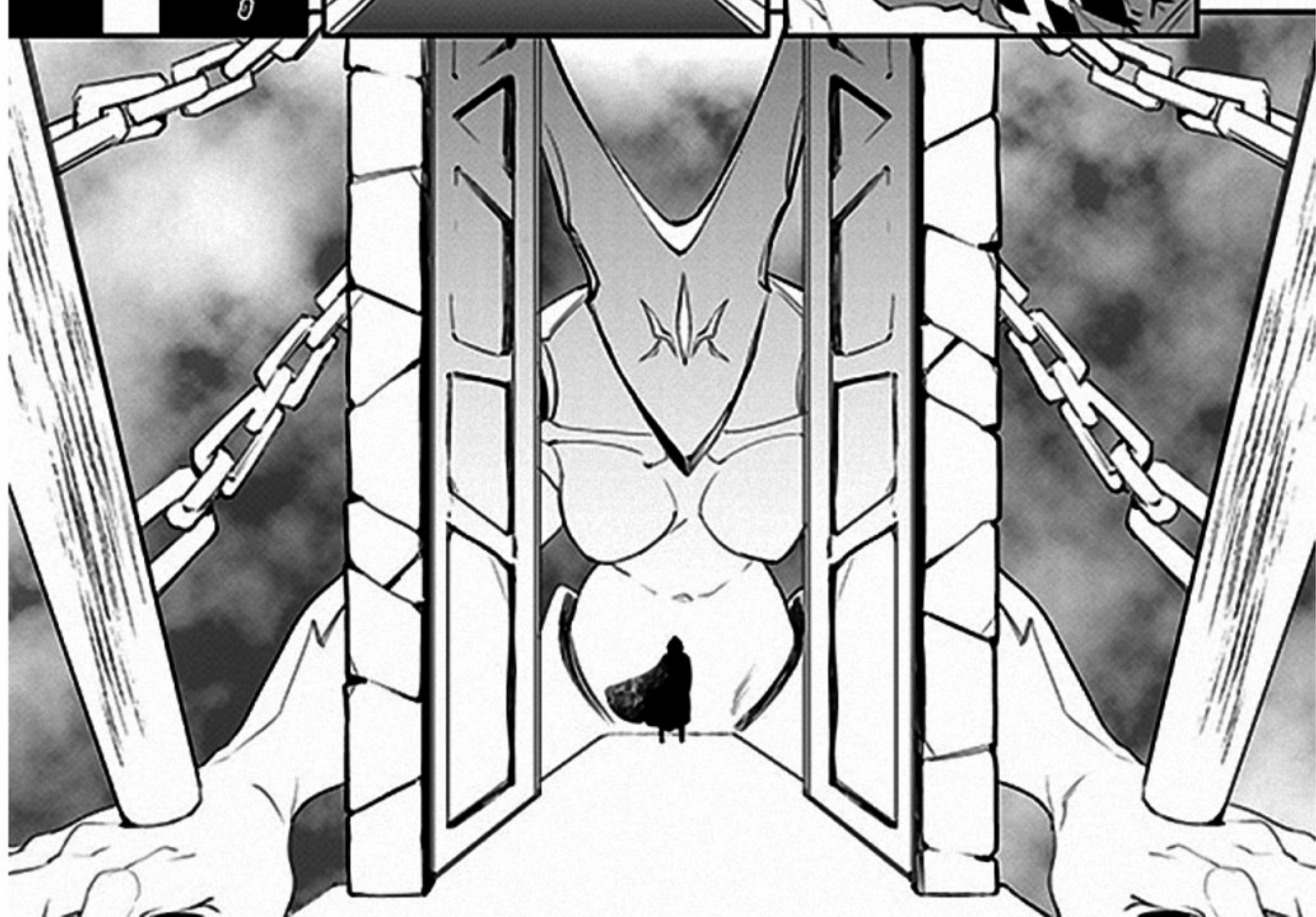
Born in Russia, she was orphaned and then picked up by the Assassin's Guild. She's silent and cool. A forbidden curse resides in her hair, allowing her to freely control it. She loves cats.



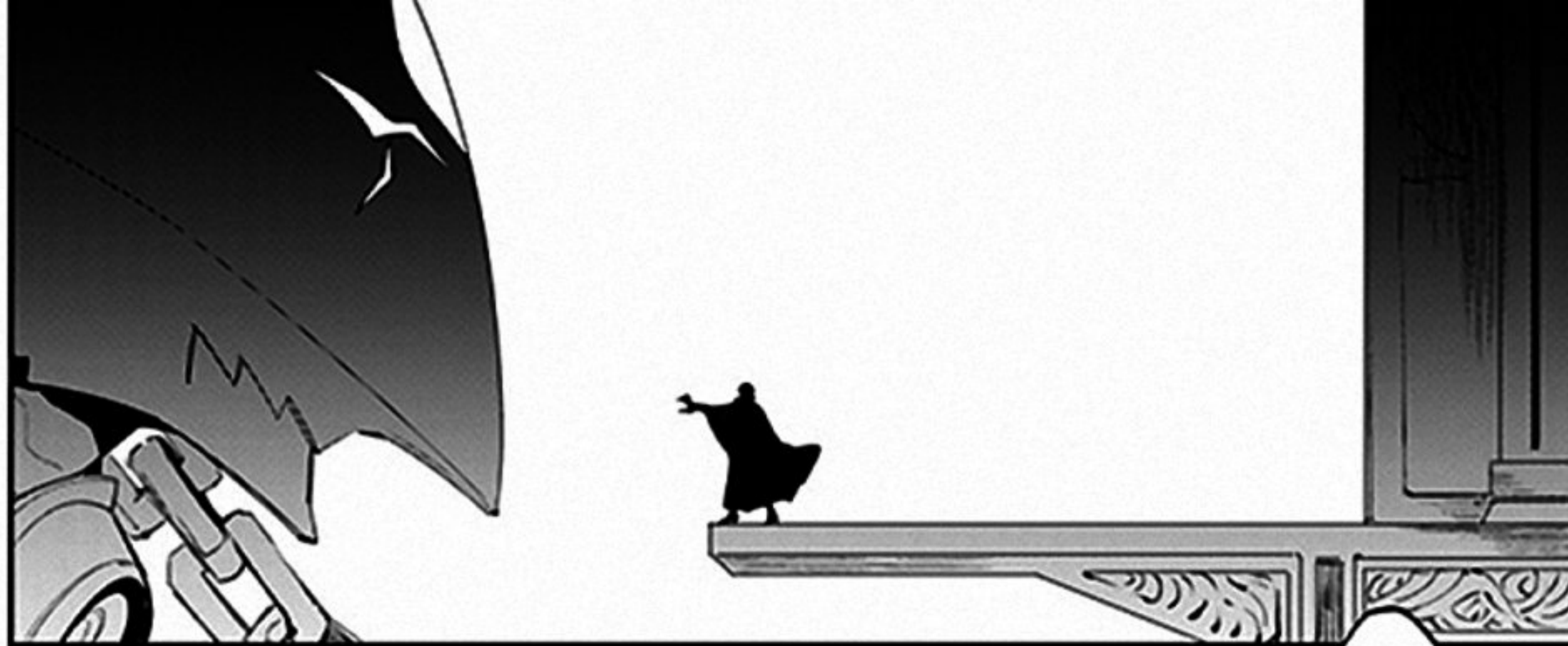
### Eddie

The forbidden beast who lives in Zato's shadows. He plans to eventually take over his host's body.









Soon you  
will be free  
of this  
loathsome  
prison...

Ah  
...



Ha  
ha  
ha  
ha  
...!

Hold on  
just a  
while  
longer...

My  
master  
...!

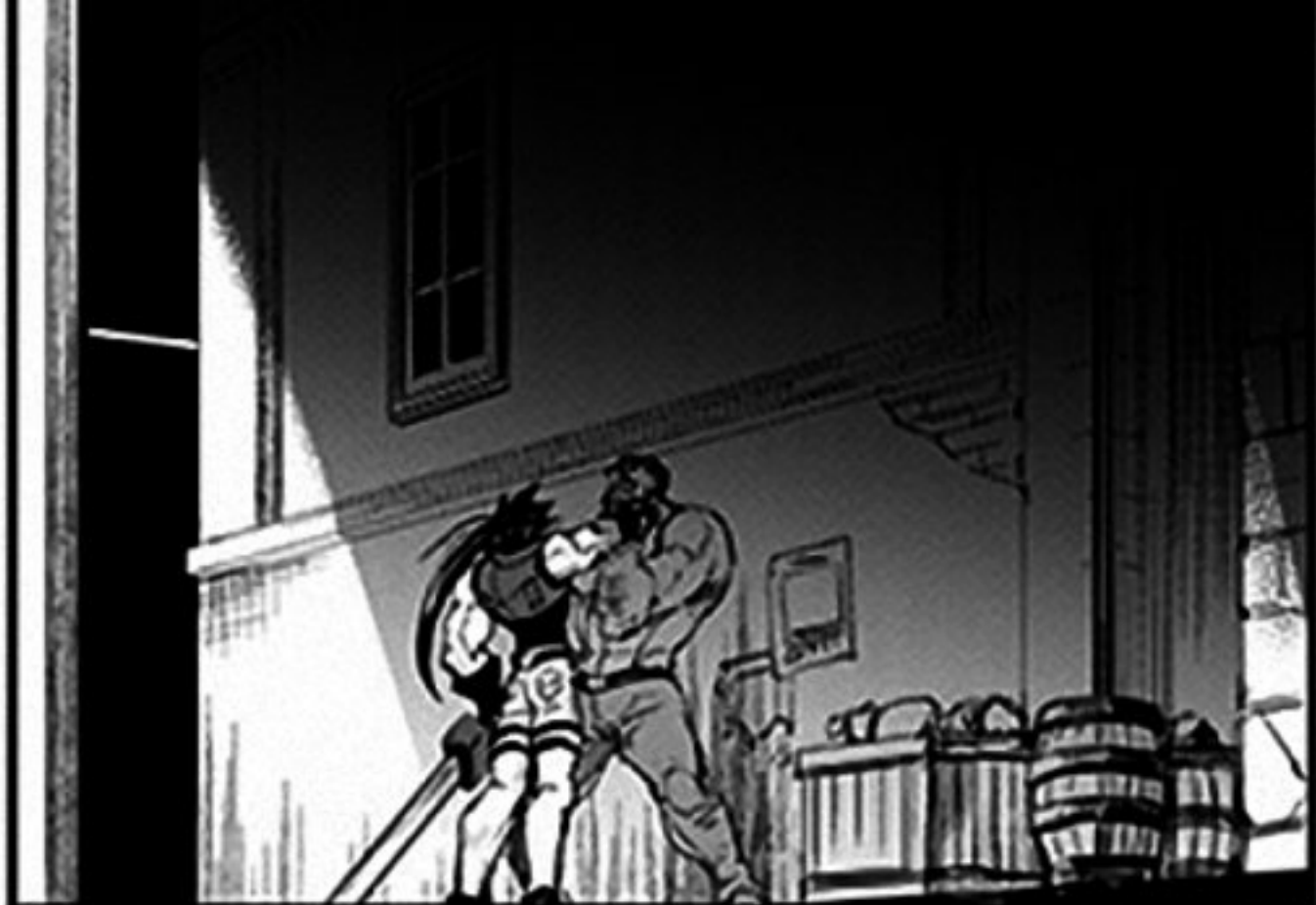
Ha  
ha  
...





Hmph.

Guess I'll  
turn you in  
and take  
the bounty.



I'll tell you  
something  
good,  
so let me off  
the hook  
this time!

Hey hey hey,  
hold on  
a second!

The Second  
Order of  
Holy Knights  
Tournament?

With your  
skills,  
you can win  
for sure,  
man!

This is a  
real wild  
tournament—  
anyone's  
welcome,  
even criminals!

And they  
say the winner  
gets anything  
they wish for.  
A dream  
come true!



Something's  
fishy about  
this...

I've felt her  
presence  
getting  
stronger,  
little by  
little...

I listened  
half-heartedly  
to the man,  
lost in my  
thoughts.

What's  
he  
going on  
about....?

Heh:  
heh  
heh...

Phew!

...  
Oh,  
right.

You'll  
look  
the  
other  
way,  
yeah?

I told  
you  
something  
good,  
right?

So,  
mister!

Medium,  
or  
well-done?

I'll  
let you  
choose,  
then.

Noooooooo!

Boooosh



The Day of the  
Tournament

#7  
mürmur

#7  
Mürmur

Hardly  
anyone  
worth the  
effort,  
though.

Man,  
that's  
one hell of  
a crowd...

Only a few  
real  
contenders,  
I'd guess.

Woah!

You're  
huge!







This won't  
be a walk  
in the  
park.

Some of  
these  
guys are  
gonna  
be  
trouble...

Crack  
フ

Tch.  
What a pain  
in the ass...



Let's go  
ahead  
and  
start the  
tournament!

Thank you  
for  
joining us  
here today,  
everyone.



The last  
person  
standing  
is the  
victor!

There are  
no rules  
whatsoever.

?

Smirk

Gyaaaah!

Buzz...

Smack

Wooaahh

Ugh!

Nothing  
too  
complicated,  
eh?  
I like it.

Heeeeeey!

Gah!

Smack!













That takes  
care of  
most of  
them.

All  
that's  
left...

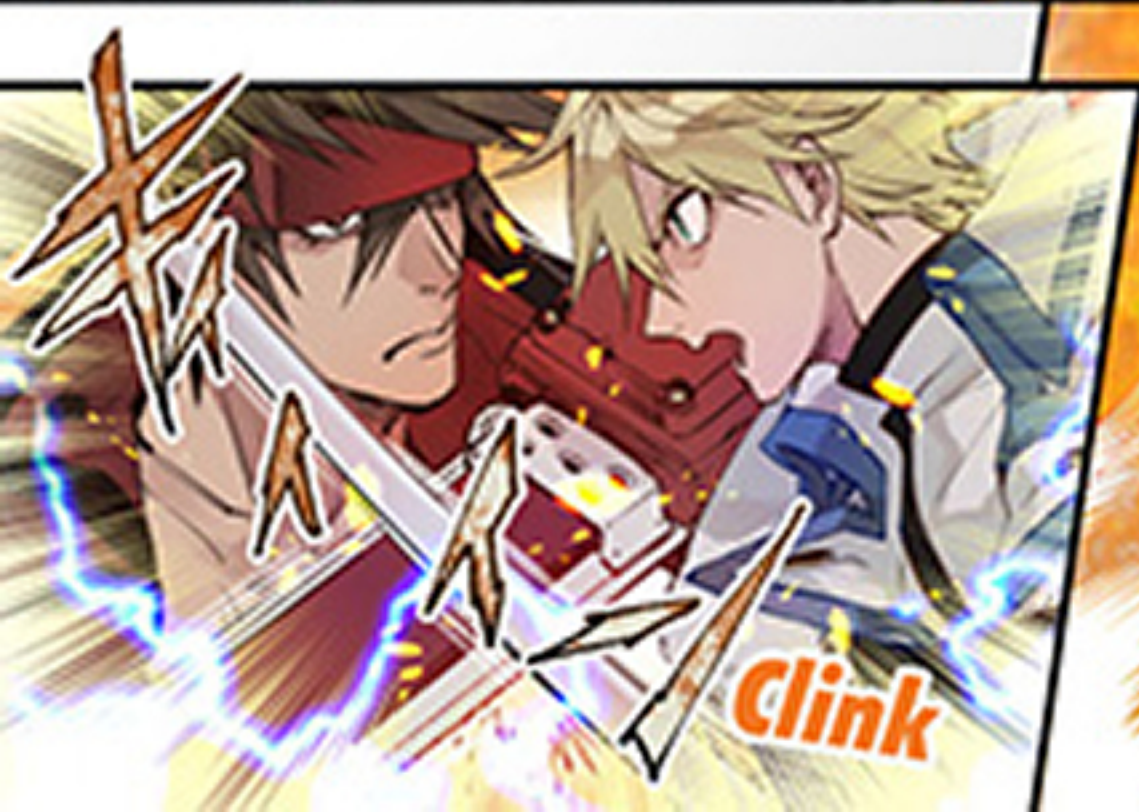
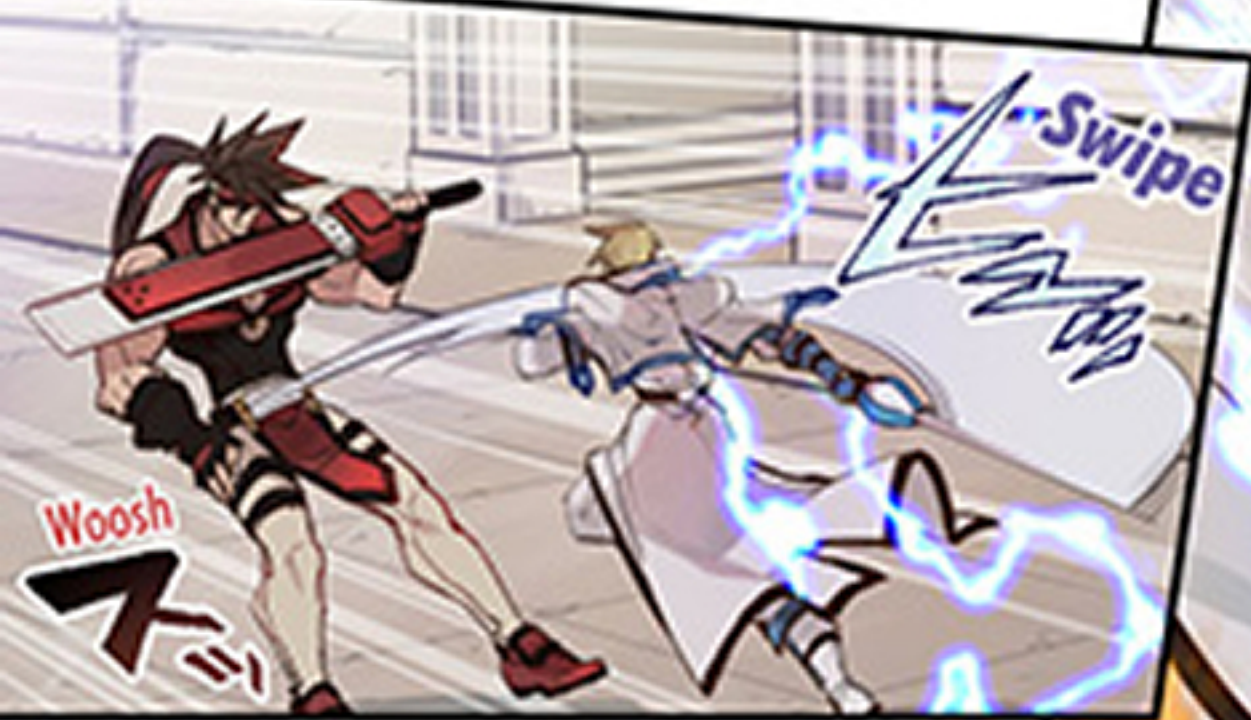


To  
have a  
moment  
of your  
time.

I'm  
glad for  
this  
chance  
...





















I've collected plenty of blood and malice...



I set up this tournament in order to resurrect my master ...



I need... one more person's blood...!



But, it's not enough...



You can watch the feast from in there.



!?





Now,

Woosh

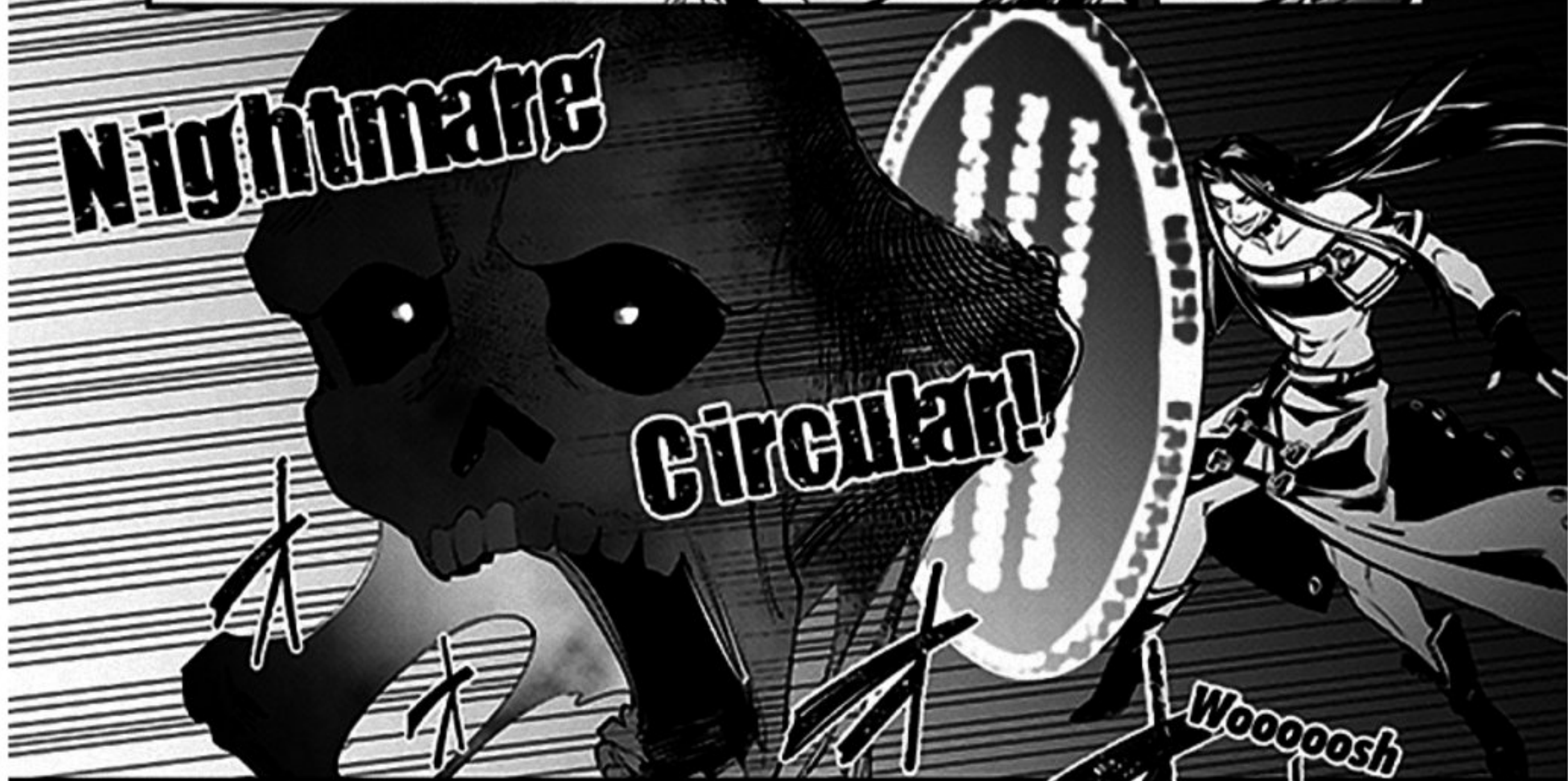
Your blood  
shall mark the  
glorious  
revival of  
my master!

That's  
heavy...

















Shiine












I'll put an  
end to  
this  
right  
here!



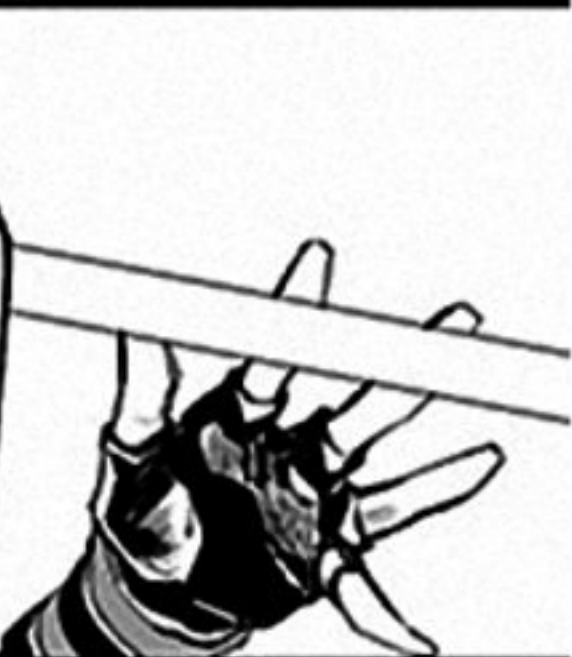





Why  
do you  
despise  
me so?



You are  
the root  
of evil  
that  
threatens  
peace!




Isn't it  
obvious  
!?



When  
you,  
yourself,  
are  
human?


Ha  
ha  
ha...  
So you  
would  
call me  
"evil"...



Was it not  
you humans  
who desired  
for me to  
become  
this?

What  
?





I am merely  
fulfilling  
the fate  
given to me.

given to  
me  
as a  
Gear...

the  
correct,  
moral  
action

For  
me,  
that  
is

I was made  
to kill  
humans.



It's  
"justice."

And yet  
you still  
call me  
evil?





you  
wiping out  
humanity  
for that  
reason!?

Do you  
expect me  
to accept

Enough  
deception  
!

If you  
intend to  
disturb  
someone's  
quiet joy  
and peace,

I will  
protect  
them  
with  
my life!

I cannot  
reject  
what  
I am.

...  
Hence  
...!

**Bang**

I will  
fight  
with all  
I have!

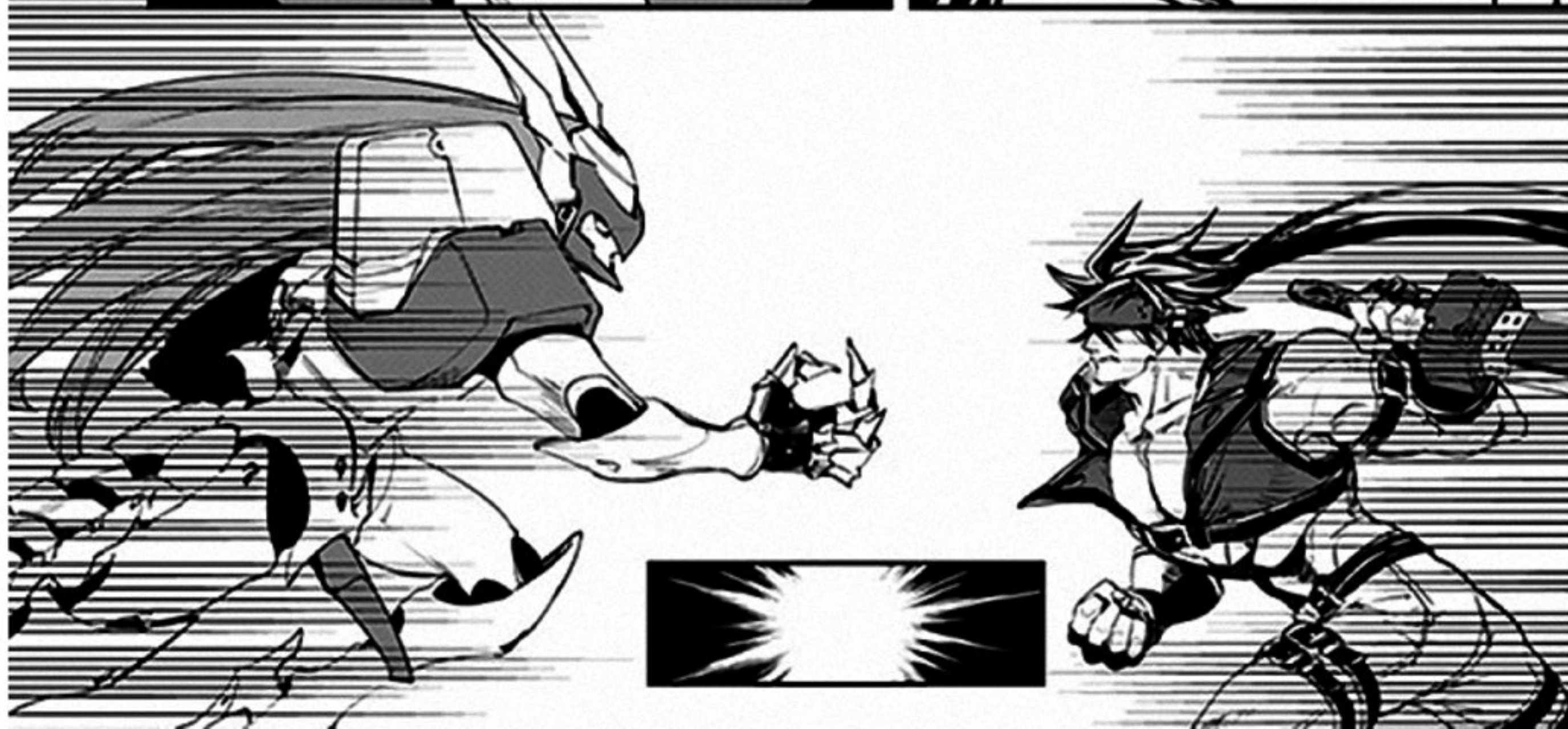
**Vooooom**

So that  
I can  
live...















**Gears are evil.**



Why?



Because  
they are the  
embodiment  
of mankind's  
sins.



**That's why I must eliminate all Gears.**



In that  
case,  
what  
about  
you?

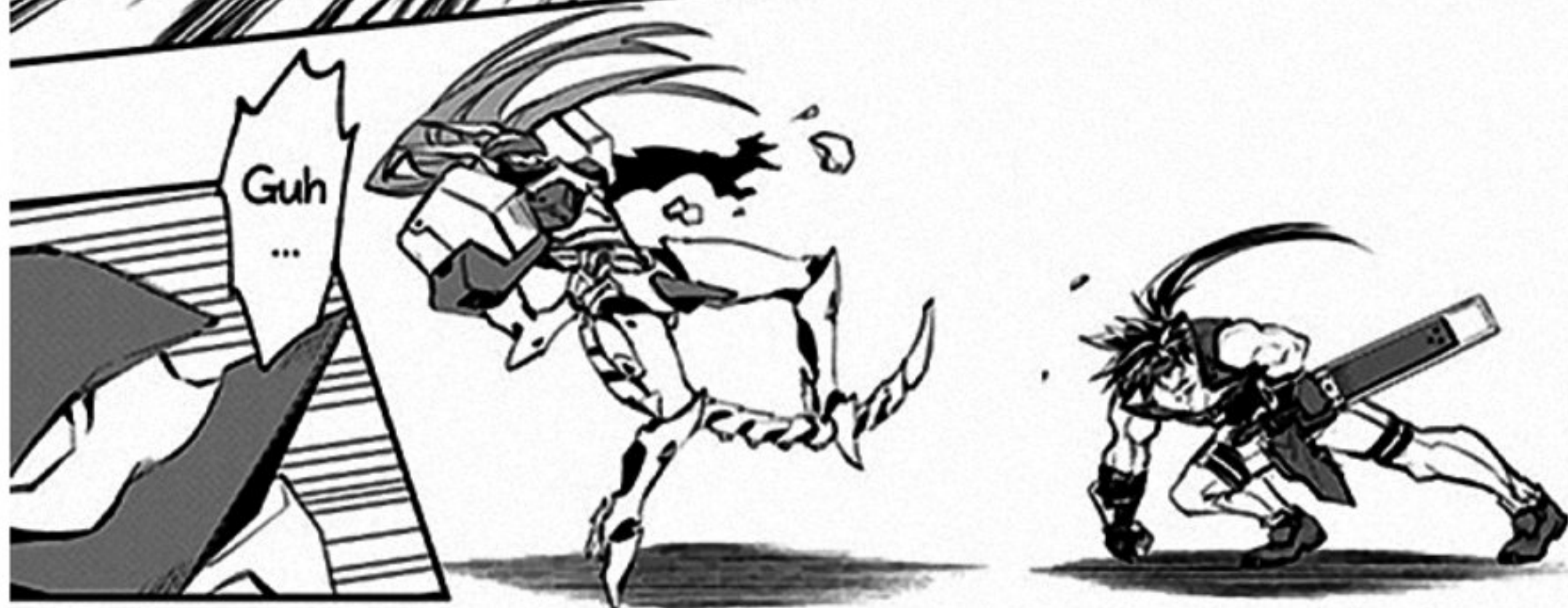


**Which one are you?**





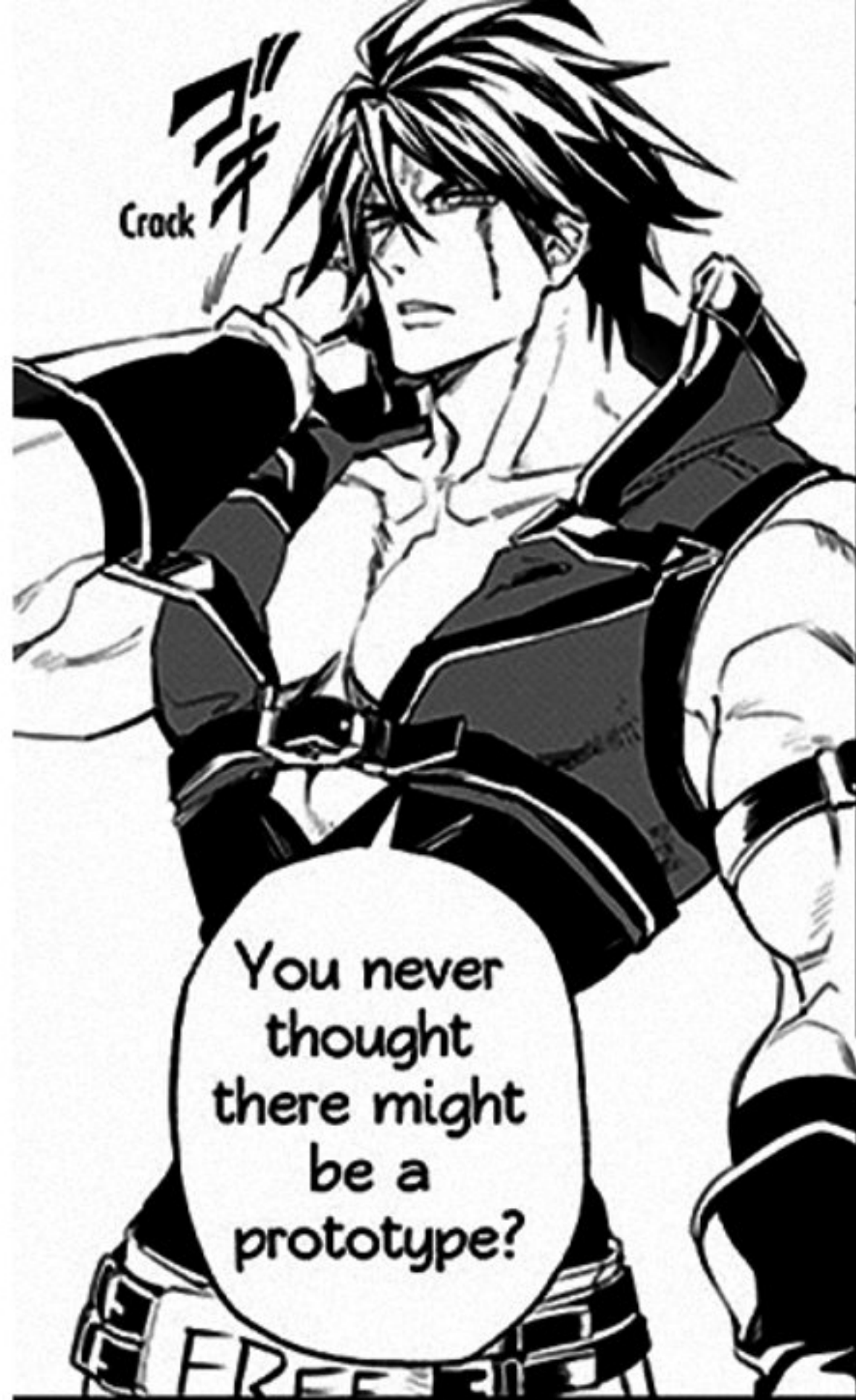












Crack

You never  
thought  
there might  
be a  
prototype?



A  
prototype...



I am  
the first  
and  
complete  
Gear!

No Gear  
could  
disobey  
me.



What?



We  
both  
are...!

How  
sinful...



...  
!



I see...  
So  
that's  
how  
it is.

Ha  
ha  
ha...





Vrooom



Woosh...



Dragon

Install!







And so,  
leaving a question  
in Sol's heart...







Humanity  
found  
true peace  
at last.

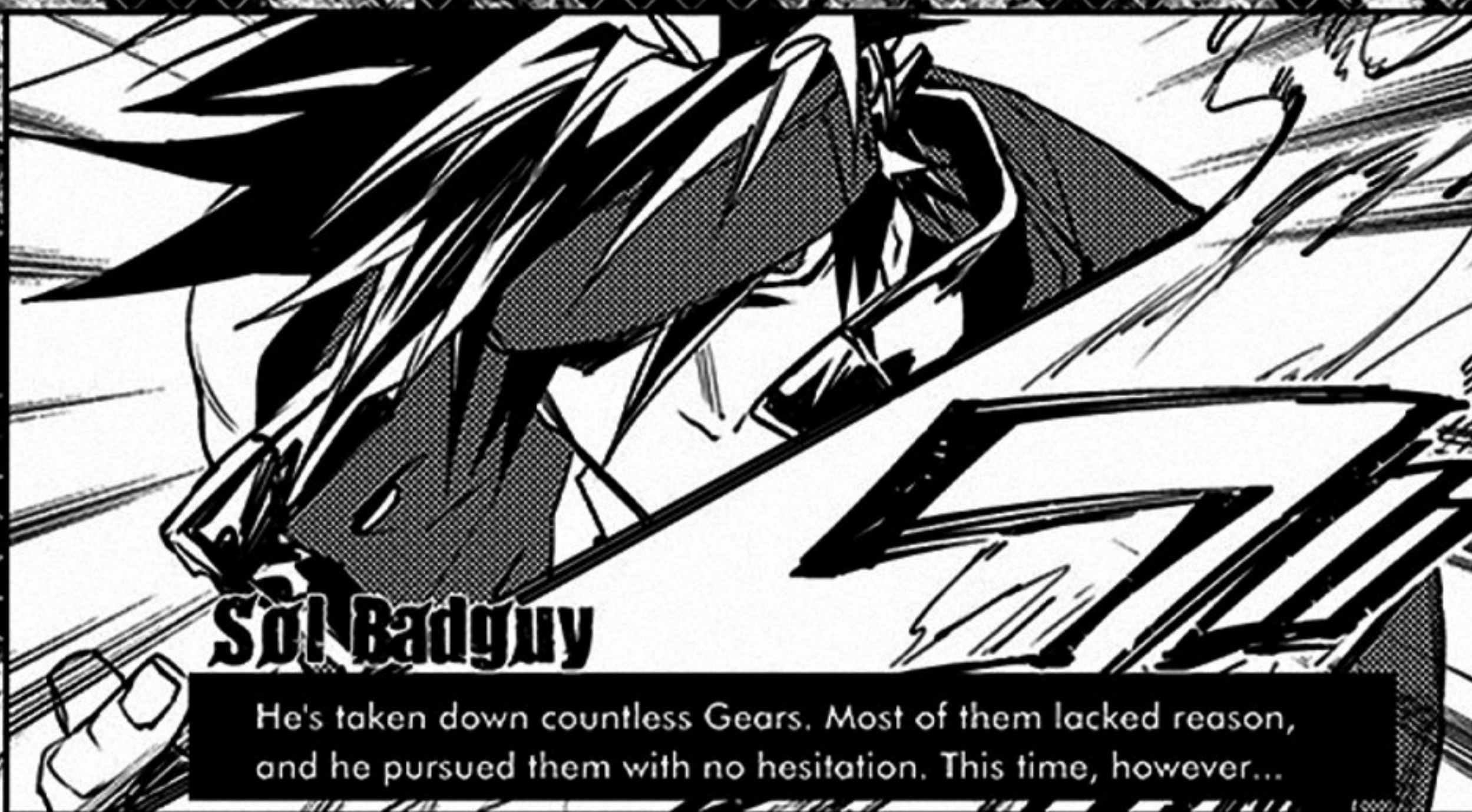




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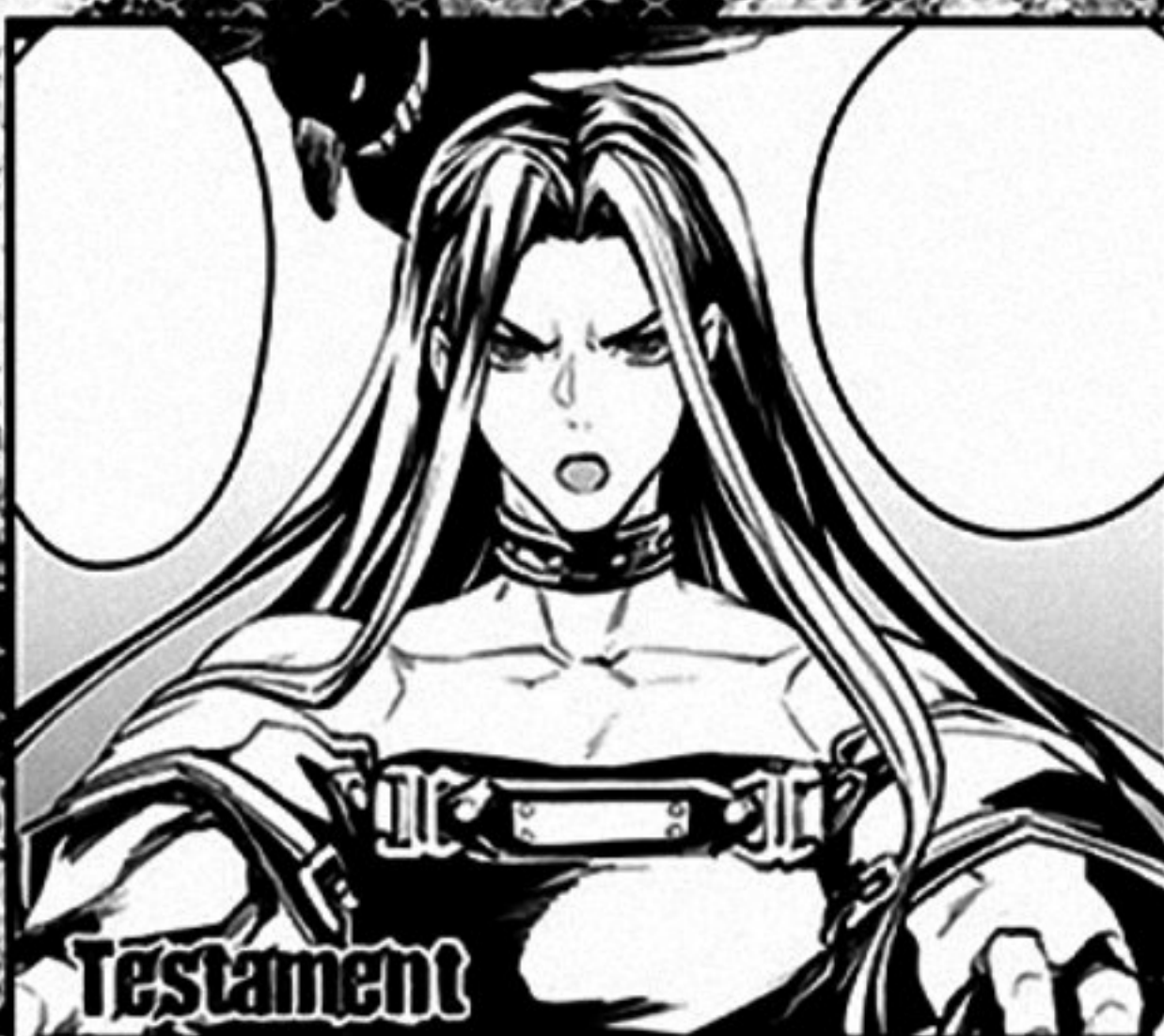
## Guilty Gear X

One year after the defeat of Justice, news comes out of a Gear who causes no harm to people. Bounty hunters come after her due to the high bounty placed on her head. Sol and Ky both move to the scene.



### Sol Badguy

He's taken down countless Gears. Most of them lacked reason, and he pursued them with no hesitation. This time, however...



### Testament

He's been completely freed from Justice's control after her defeat, and now has free will.



### Ky Kiske

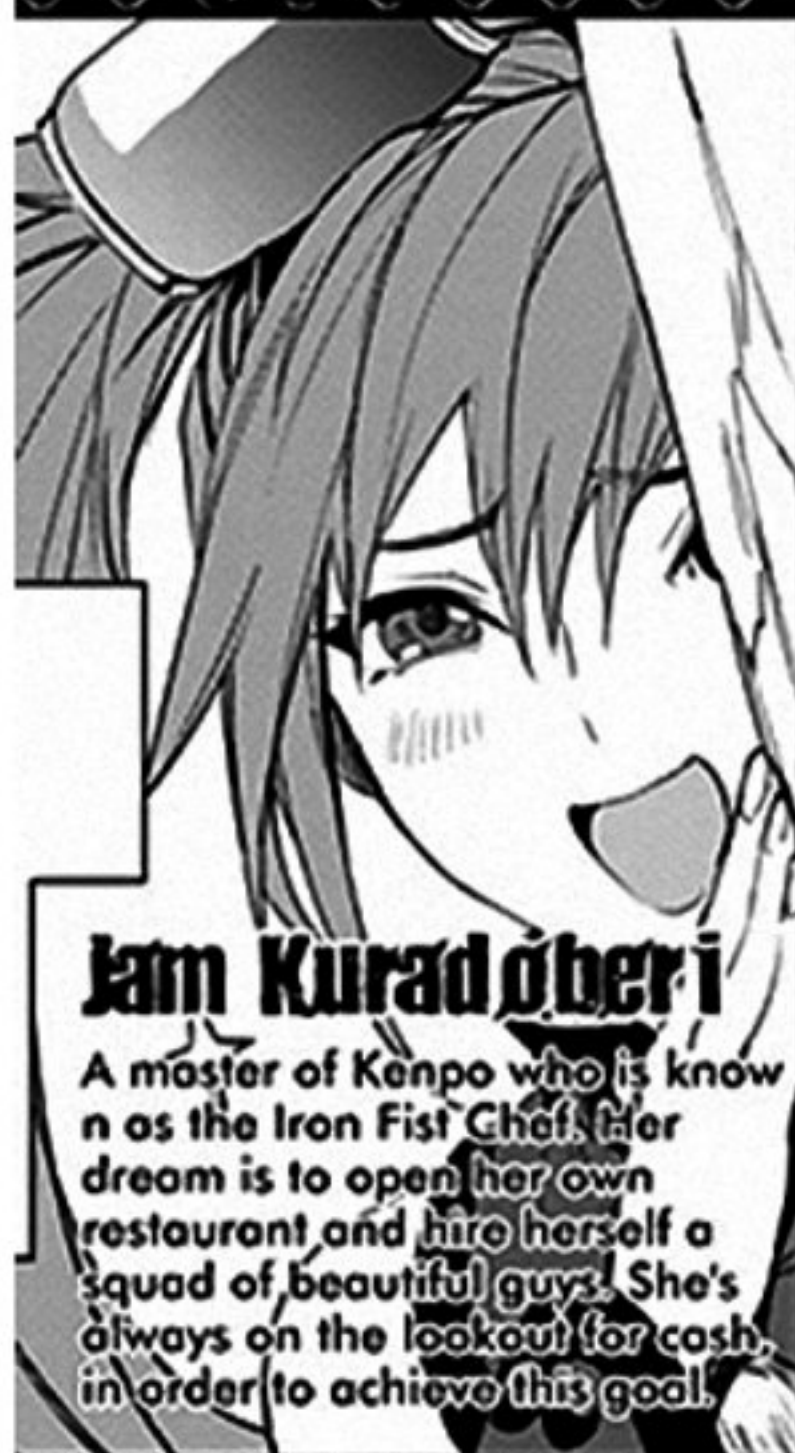
He's become director of the International Police Force. He heard of the harmless Gear living in the Forest of Demons a step ahead of the rest. He's gone to find the truth on his own.





## Dizzy

A kind-hearted young half-Gear. As an infant, she was found and raised by an elderly couple. Her life was at risk after people noticed her irregular appearance. She ran from the crowds to live in the darkness deep in the forest, but is under attack from bounty hunters now.



## Jam Kuradoberi

A master of Kenpo who is known as the Iron Fist Chef. Her dream is to open her own restaurant and hire herself a squad of beautiful guys. She's always on the lookout for cash, in order to achieve this goal.



## May

A war orphan and one of the few surviving Japanese people, she's a central member of the Jellyfish Pirates. And, of course, she's wild about Johnny!



## Johnny

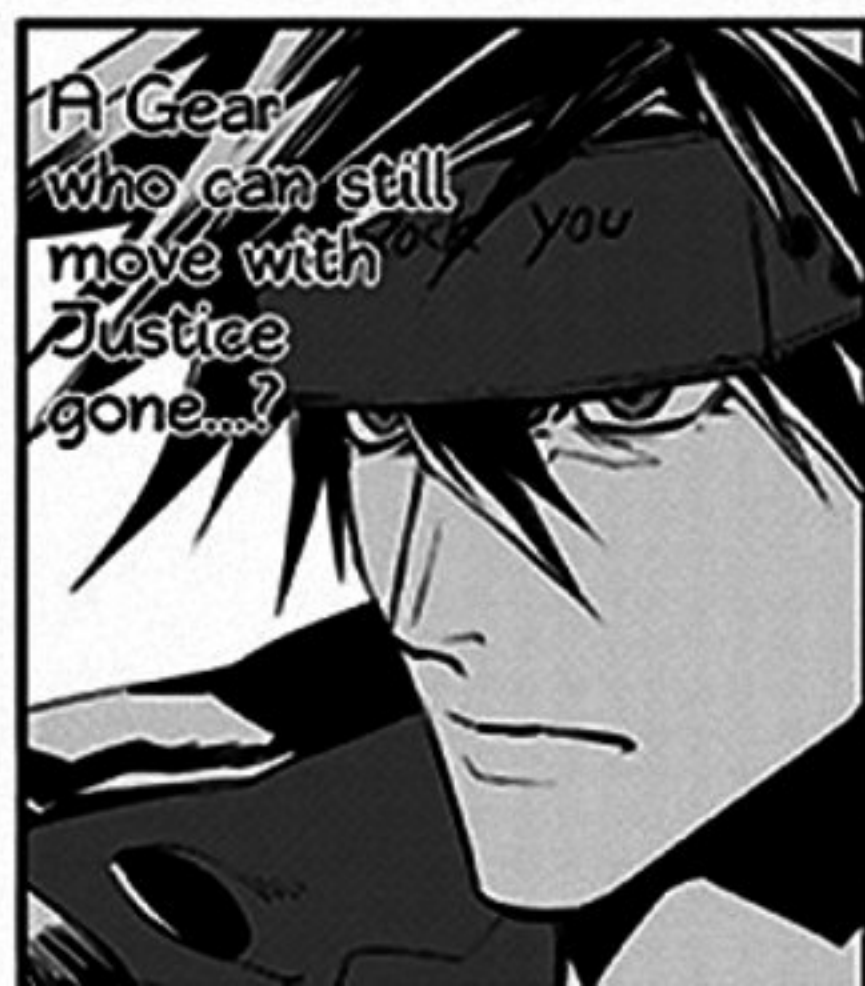
A noble thief and leader of the Jellyfish Pirates. He's a master of the Hirofumi Style of swordsmanship. He takes in war orphans (exclusively girls) and takes care of them.

**W \$500,000 reward to anyone who defeats the Gear currently residing in Country A's territory**



and the world  
sincerely  
rejoiced for  
this time  
of peace.

Some time  
had passed  
since the  
defeat of  
Justice,







I no longer feel the impulse for destruction as I did then...


It was then...



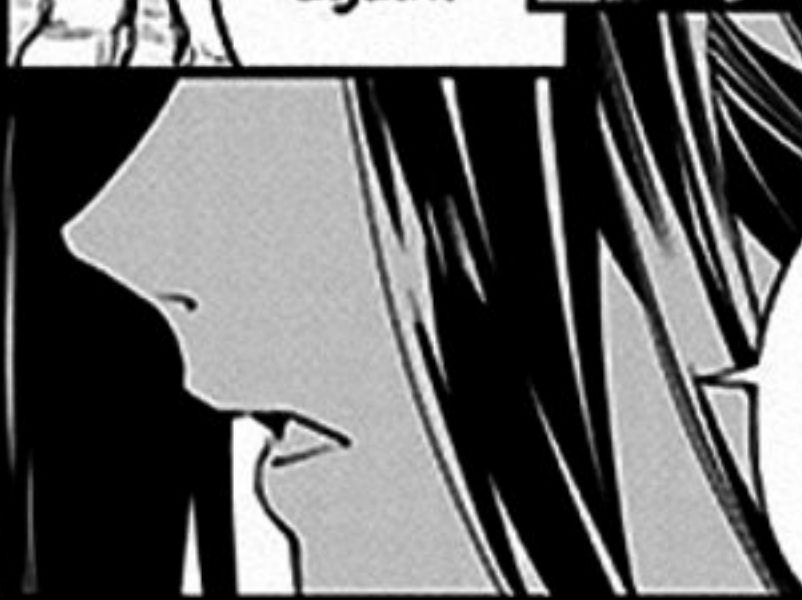
You have something up your sleeve again?

You ...

Step



Homeland of demons, huh...?



was an unbearable emptiness.

All that was left to me after I was freed from Justice's control



Leave!



Now, I am the protector of this land.



You're so kind.  
You protected me.

I met her here, and found a reason to live.

Despite how I look, I used to be a knight.



I will wield my blade for you.





Bam



Guh ....!

Sliide



Testament ...?



Clink

Clatter

Shock



Bang



Dizzy ...

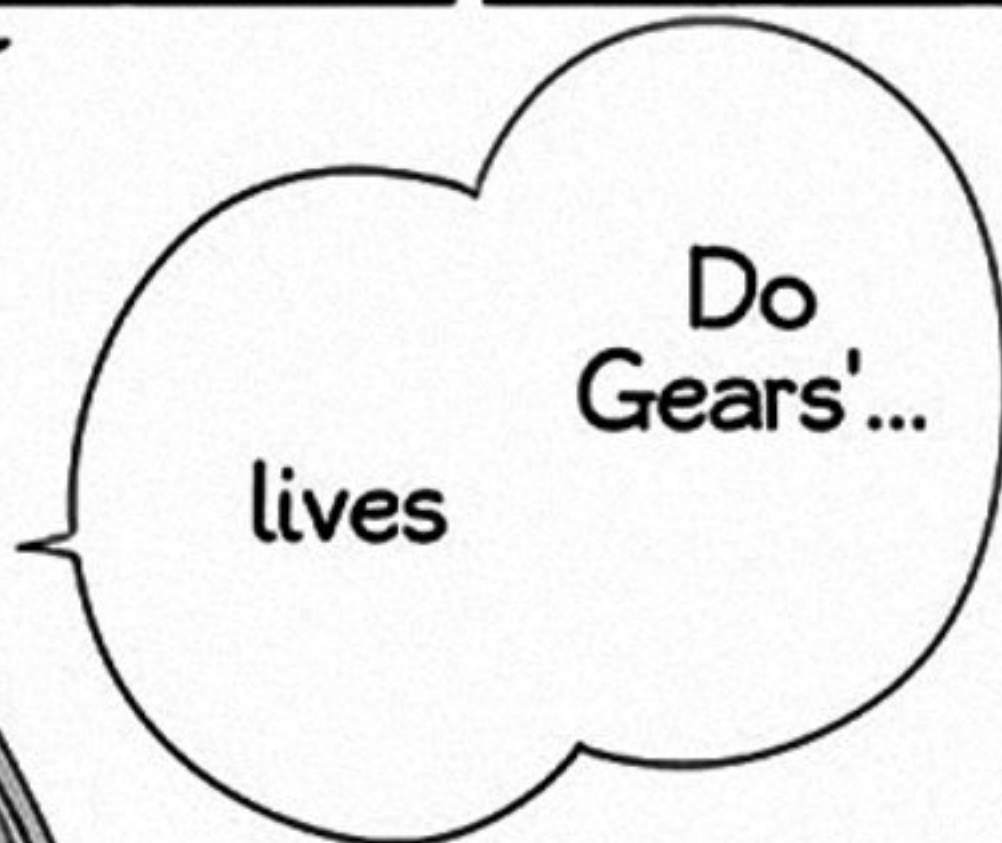
Ru...  
n...



















I  
destroy  
Gears.

That's all  
there is  
to it.



Why  
doesn't  
anyone  
under-  
stand...?



Y'think  
I care?

I've fought  
all this time  
to protect  
myself.

But,  
I don't  
want to  
hurt people  
anymore...



Don't  
waste  
your  
breath.  
We'll  
get  
rid of  
him.

Vwoosh

Swipe

clack

clack

clack









Woosh

Kyah

--SSSSSSD

Swoosh





Necro!

No...  
You  
can't!

You'll  
kill  
him!



I don't Stop!  
want to hurt anyone ....!

Vroooooom





Woosh

Kill  
me.

.....  
Please...









She's crying, because she doesn't want to hurt anyone.

I want to trust her.



Ever since the day of Justice's revival,

I've been conflicted.

A kind heart.



Sol...  
I...

...Don't get in the way.

Kid.



She has a heart, just as humans do.



And, now,

I believe that not all Gears are truly evil.











but  
he is  
somehow,  
warm...

I can't  
say  
why,

That man...  
He's scary,  
but...



...I'd  
better  
say thanks  
sometime.

.....




I don't  
believe  
he ever  
intended to  
kill you.



Eh?

...Yes,  
I think  
you're  
right.



How can I  
face my  
powers,  
I wonder...?

I...



....!



That  
last  
attack...  
I felt  
no  
malice  
in it.





Would you  
come with  
me?

So...

There are  
people in  
this world  
who can  
accept  
your  
power.

...There's  
something  
I'd  
like you  
to know.

What is  
this?

She's  
got  
wings!



Get  
out  
of our  
village!

Devil  
spawn!

She's  
a  
Gear!

She's  
not  
human!

Kill it!

Kill it!

Kill it!

Kill it!

There  
she is!  
That's the  
bounty!









if I stay  
hidden  
away  
here...

I've  
realized  
that  
there are  
things  
I cannot  
see



I'm so  
glad...  
you're  
alright.



Take  
care.

I  
see...



Human.



Yes.

...Are  
you  
leaving?



I will  
protect her  
no matter  
what.

If this  
ends up  
with Dizzy  
hurt...  
I will  
never  
forgive  
you all.

I  
swear  
on my  
blade

Yes.

!

I don't  
mean to  
interrupt  
you  
love-birds...  
But,  
do you  
have a  
moment?

Hey  
there!

You mis-  
understand!

Ah,  
however,  
my oath  
just now  
was  
sincere.  
I mean...

?  
Of  
course.

I trust  
you,  
Ky.

...!  
.....!!

Yeesh!

やん  
やん  
やん



for a  
wanted  
lady to  
live in  
the city?

Don't you  
think  
it would be  
a bit too  
difficult

Let me  
get right  
to the  
point.

Eh?

why  
don't you  
come  
with  
us?

Until  
this  
all  
settles  
down,

And  
that's  
where  
we  
come  
in.

Up there  
over the clouds,  
there's no worries  
about other people's  
prying eyes.

We're the  
Jellyfish  
Pirates.  
We go our  
own way.

I didn't  
expect  
the Chief of the  
Police Force  
to accept us  
so easily.

I'm  
sur-  
prised.

.....

Right now,  
I am not  
a member of  
the  
Police Force,  
but rather  
a simple  
bounty  
hunter.

Ha  
ha...

that may  
very well  
be the best  
option.

With  
her  
safety  
as the  
top  
priority,





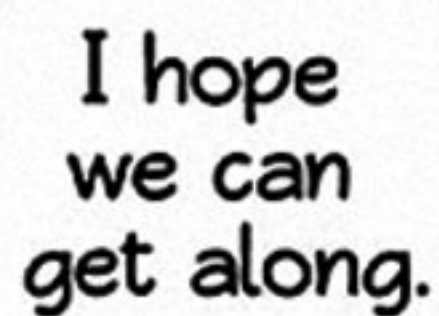
Ky's  
words...  
They were  
true.



There are  
people in  
this world  
who can  
accept  
your  
powers.



...There's  
something  
I'd like  
you to  
know.



I hope  
we can  
get along.



I'll  
come  
back  
to visit.



Testament...



Today's  
my lucky  
day...!

Later,

a person named  
Jam Kuradoberi  
reported to the  
government that  
she had destroyed  
the Gear girl.

And she  
made off with  
the entire  
bounty.

It's all  
mine!

ヒッ  
アル!

Hee  
hee  
hee...!

various  
gears  
of fate  
were set  
into motion.

And so,  
with one  
case  
wrapped up,



A WORLD SEPARATE FROM OUR OWN, YET SOMEHOW CONTROLLING IT--  
THE BACKYARD.

HIDDEN BEHIND ITS GATES ARE THE ETERNAL TRUTHS

OF GOOD...AND OF EVIL.

OF CREATION AND OF DESTRUCTION.

OF CHAOS THE LIKES OF WHICH MANKIND HAS NEVER SEEN.

IN A TIME LONG PAST, A PHILOSOPHER ENTERED THIS OTHER REALM.

HE RETURNED, AND THROUGH SHODDERING BREATHS, HE SPOKE...

"NO EVIL SHOULD TOUCH THIS PLACE."

THIS PHILOSOPHER SEALED ALL THAT THE BACKYARD WAS INTO A SINGLE TOME.

HIS HOPE WAS THAT MANKIND WOULD NEVER STUMBLE UPON ITS POWER.

WITH THAT, THE PATH TO THE BACKYARD WAS FOREVER BARRED,

AND PEACE ONCE AGAIN BLESSED OUR WORLD...

BUT WHAT FOLLOWED THE ANCIENT SAGE COULD NEVER HAVE PREDICTED.

FOR EVIL CAME NOT FROM A HUMAN WHO DISCOVERED THE BOOK...

...BUT FROM INSIDE THE BACKYARD ITSELF.

# Chapter 5

## Guilty Gear 2

### Overture

A black and white manga-style illustration of Sol Badguy. He is shown from the chest up, wearing his signature white coat with a high collar and a black bandage wrapped around his right eye. His left hand is raised, showing his gauntlet with four square buttons. He has a determined, slightly shouting expression on his face. The background is a dark, textured surface.

## Sol Badguy

He works as a bounty hunter along with his adopted son Sin. He suddenly receives an unconventional summons from one of the Allied Kings, Ky Kiske.

A black and white manga-style illustration of Sin. He is shown from the chest up, looking directly at the viewer with a wide-eyed, surprised expression. He has spiky blonde hair and is wearing a white shirt. In the background, a sign is partially visible with the text "FAL BADGE 100,000 REW".

## Sin

A young bounty hunter who works with Sol and calls him "old man." He's innocent, cheerful, and friendly. He hates being treated like a child.





### Valentine

A mysterious girl who is searching for something she refers to as the "key." She thinks of things quite mechanically, and her lack of visible emotion and inflection makes her frighteningly doll-like.



### Ky Kiske

He's been appointed the First Allied King of the United Kingdoms of Illyria. As King, he works to bring the people together and help them recover after the Crusades. Illyria suddenly comes under attack by a mysterious army one day.



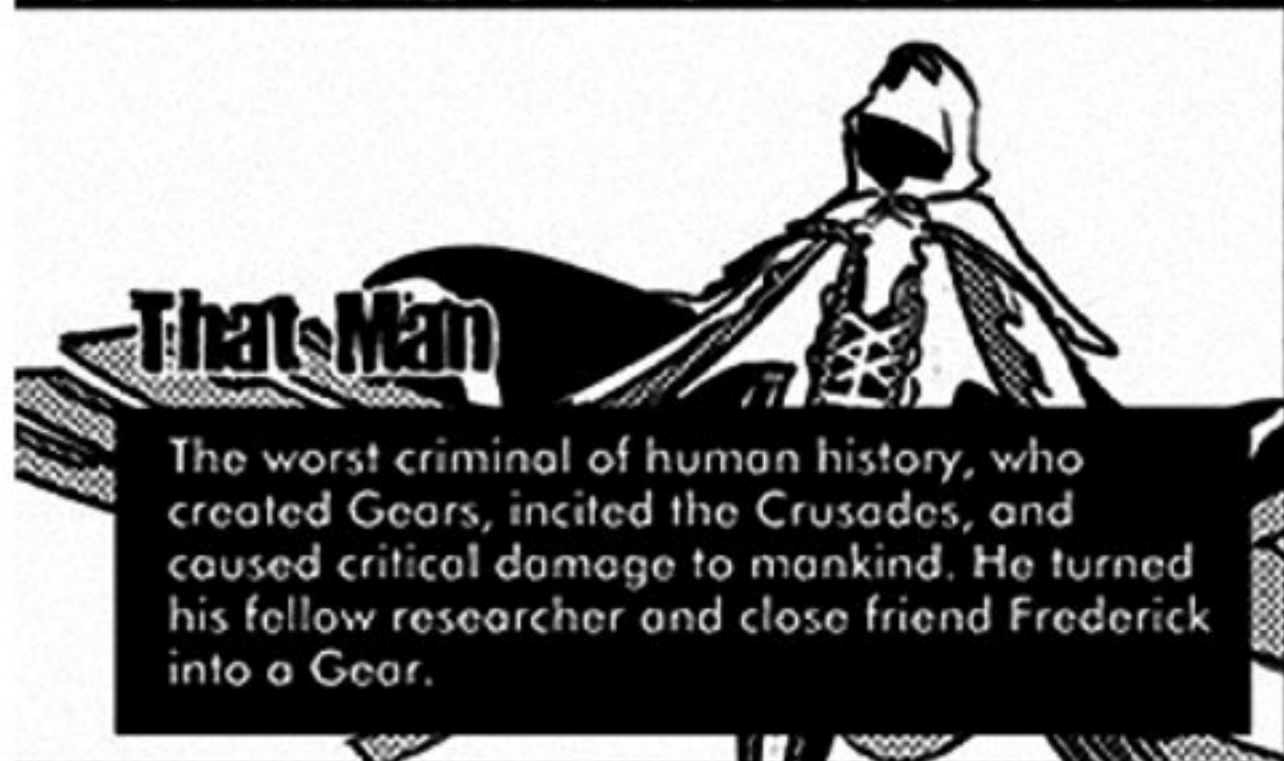
### Dr. Paradigm

An independent Gear who was freed from Justice's control after her defeat. He lives peacefully with his fellow Gears on the isolated Ganymede island. He is known as a genius magic wielder, and possesses great knowledge of the Backyard.



### Izuna

A resident of the Underworld Hill, which exists in the space between the Backyard and the physical realm, he's a yokai with ears resembling a fox. His speech pattern's a bit mixed up.



### That Man

The worst criminal of human history, who created Gears, incited the Crusades, and caused critical damage to mankind. He turned his fellow researcher and close friend Frederick into a Gear.



### Dizzy

A half-Gear girl who joined the Jellyfish Pirates after the events of the prior chapter. As of now...



Several years later...

Hey,  
old man!

What  
the  
heck?

AL BADGUY  
100,000,000  
REWARD

There's a  
drawing of  
you  
up here!

Hmm?

I'm sure  
I taught  
you  
to read.

Read  
it,  
Sin.

From  
Ky.

No.  
This is  
just a  
tasteless  
summons.

There's a  
bounty on  
you!?

But we're  
bounty  
hunters!

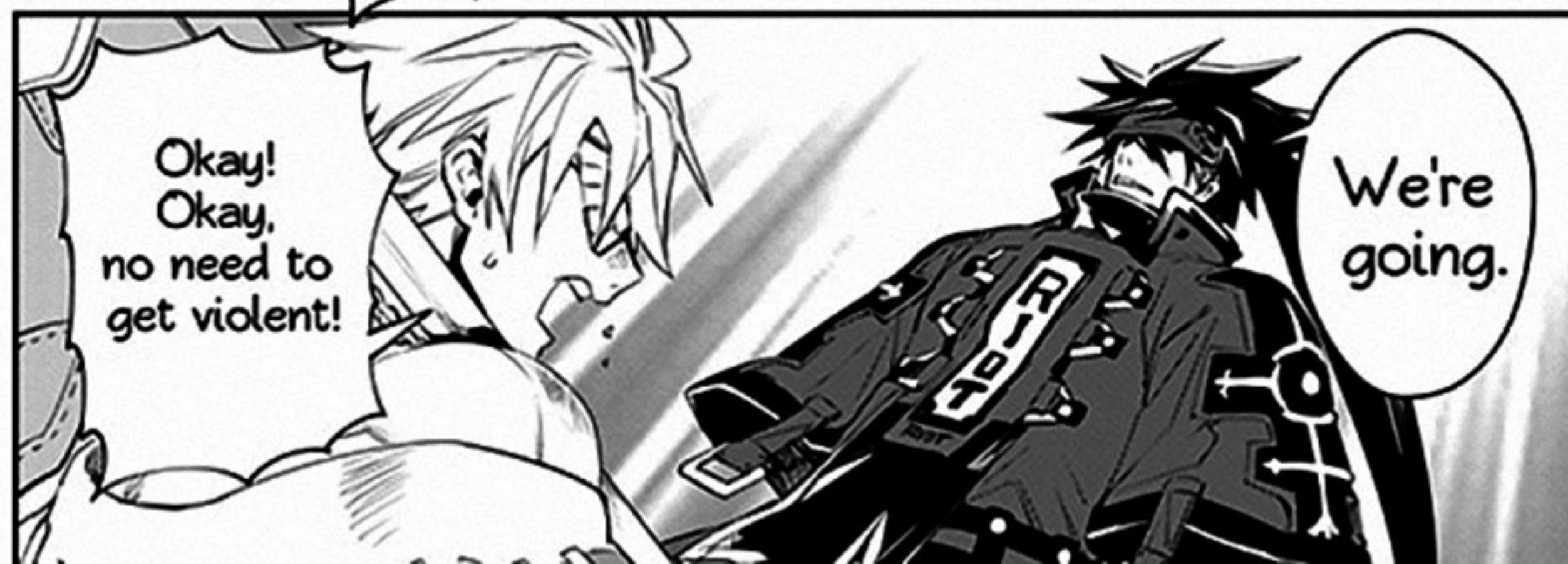
Wan...  
ted...

Dead  
or  
alive?

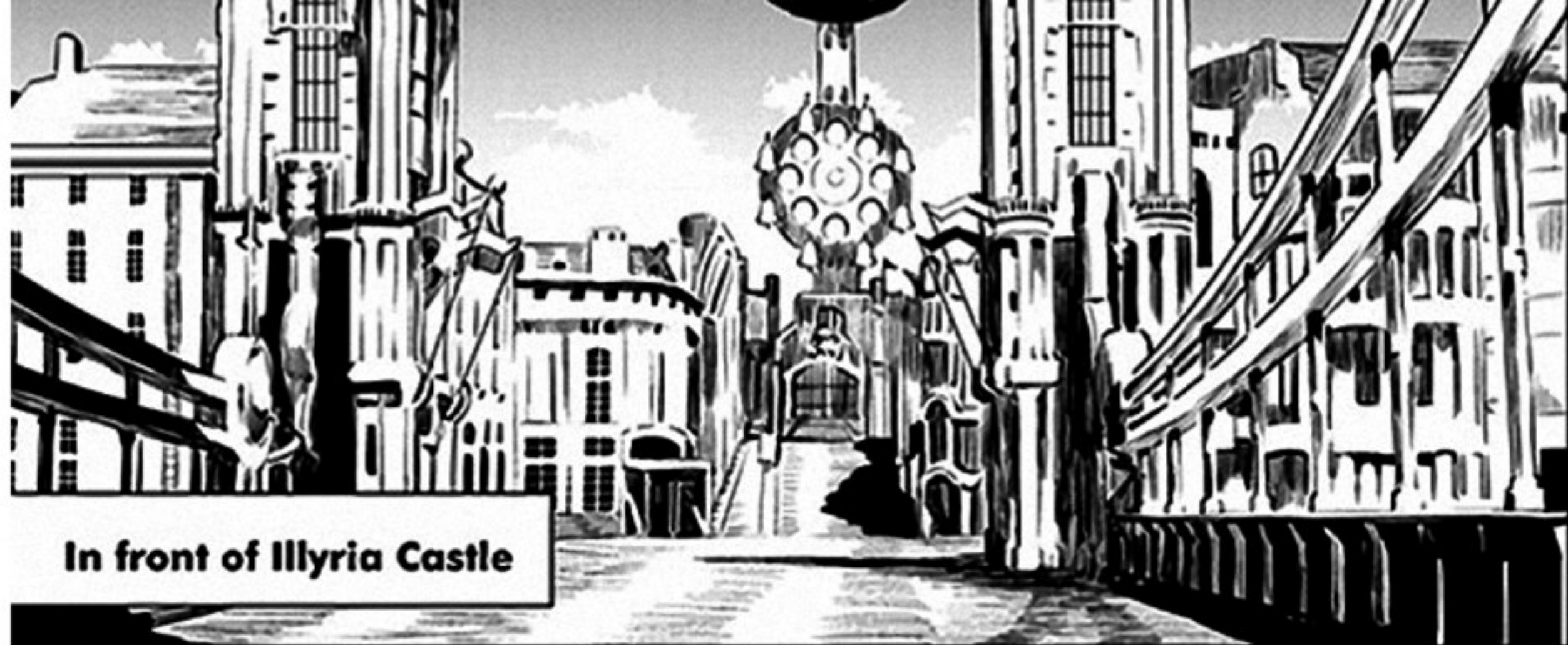




The First King of the United Kingdoms of Illyria, Ky Kiske.  
That annoying kid ended up becoming all high and mighty.





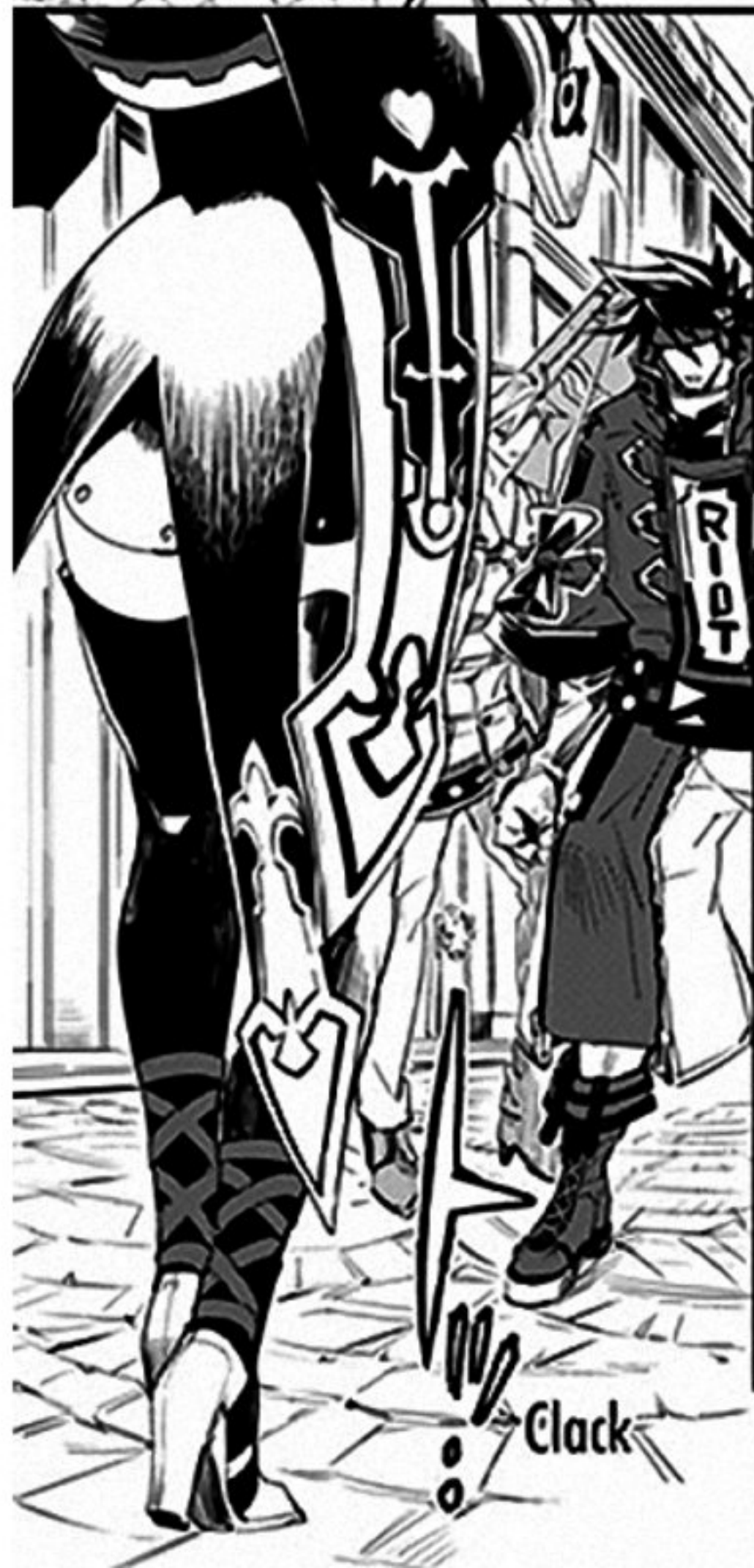


In front of Illyria Castle



There's  
no one  
around...

What  
happened?



...!



What...?  
My head's  
ringing...

Old  
man?

Clack









You're interfering with Valentine.

I'm Valentine.

...You haven't fled.

Statistically, there are not many people like you.

I reject... the existence of obstacles.

I've got a question for you...

Working for Mother.

What is your goal?











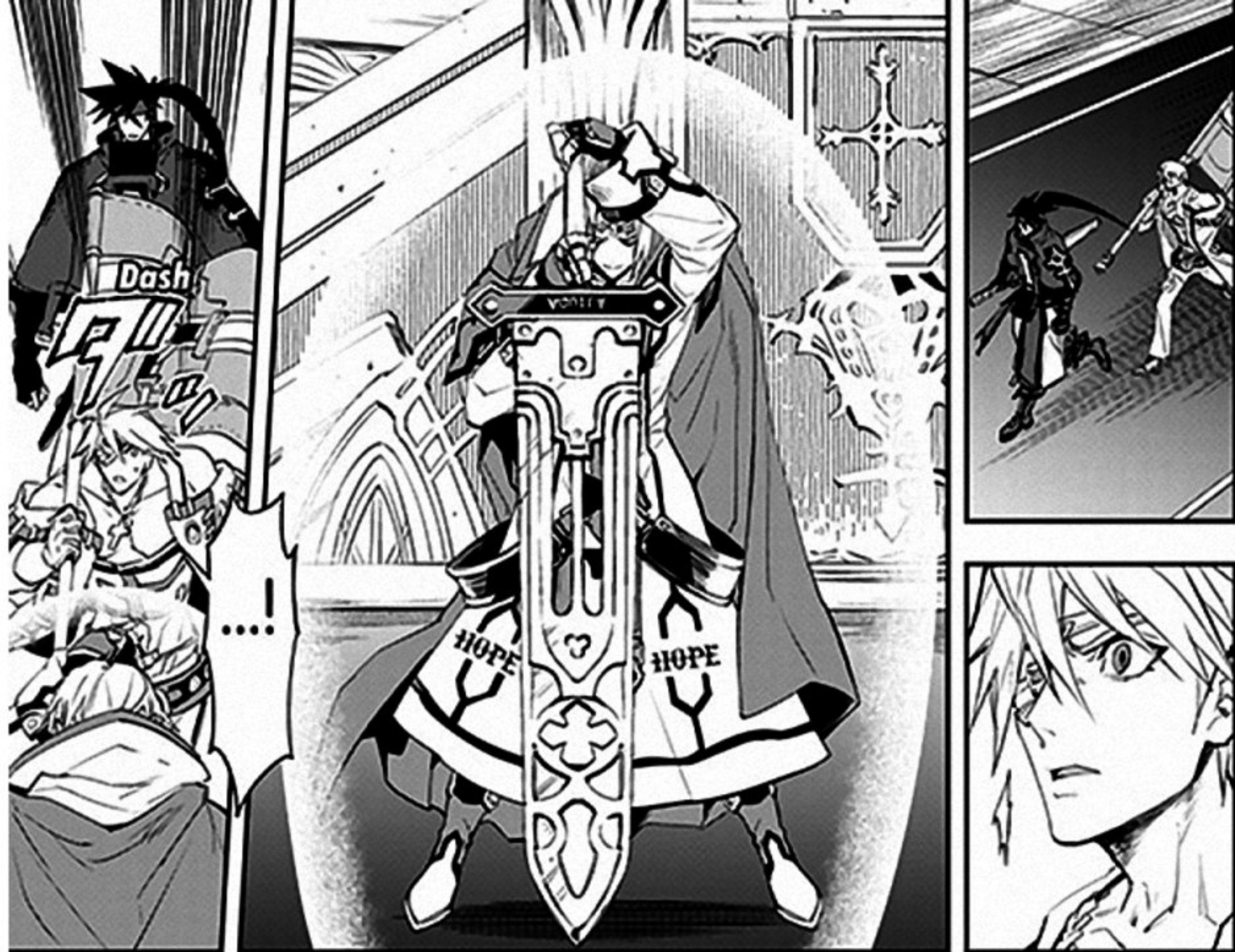


You okay, old man? You don't look so good.

She's gone !?







... He's  
alive.

Calm  
down.

Who's  
there!?

Leave  
this  
to us.

One even  
you don't  
know?

Damn.  
They've used  
a really  
annoying  
Code...

I'm on  
your  
side.

No need  
to get so  
heated.









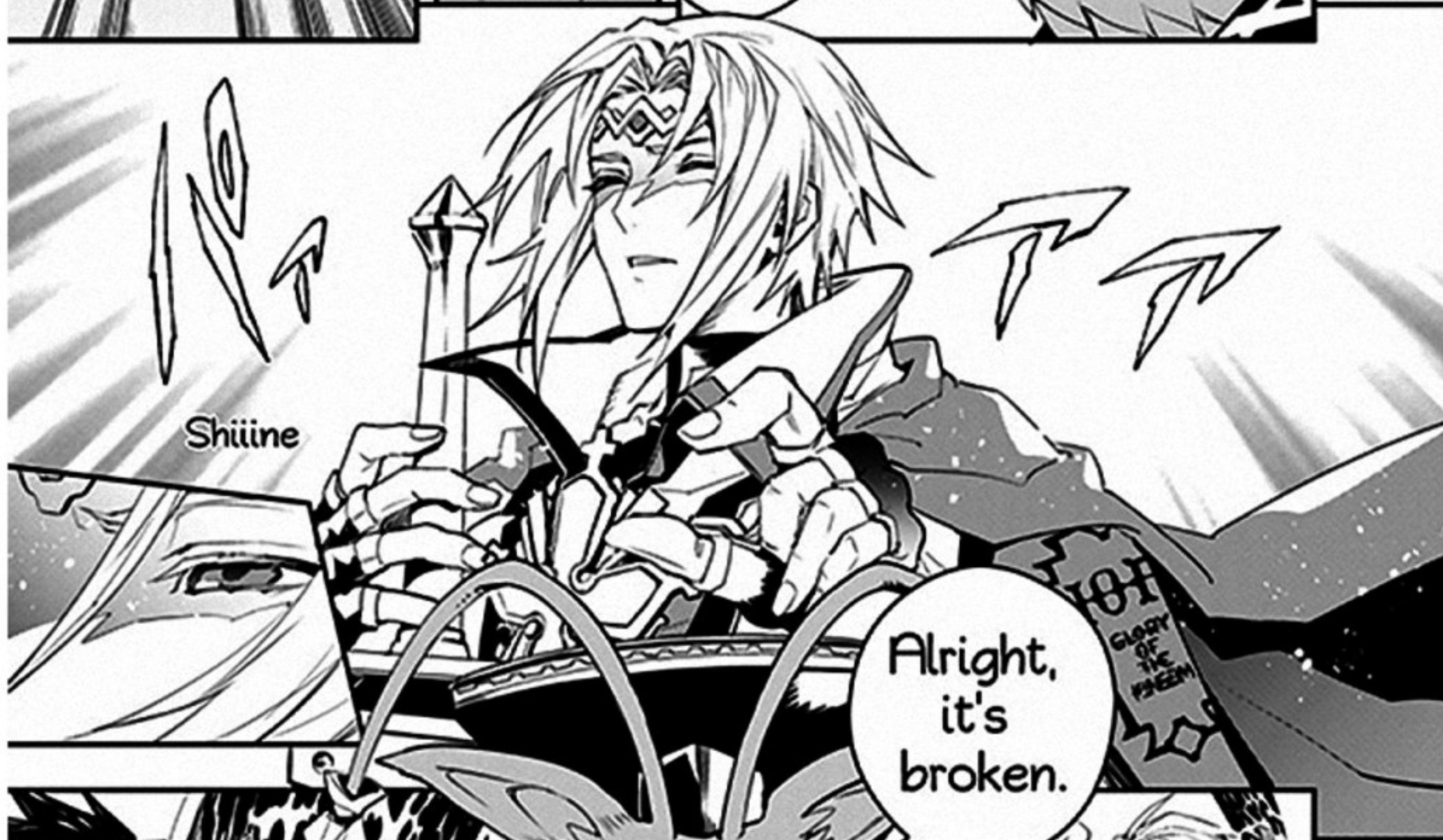


We have  
to break  
this seal  
so we can  
talk to  
the King,  
yes?

Calm  
down,  
Doctor.

Izuna!  
Who are  
these  
rude  
monkeys!?


Hmph...  
You're  
right.












Let me  
begin with  
the  
conclusion.




Her goal is  
to access  
the "Cube"  
created by  
the Gear Maker.


Valentine is a  
dangerous being,  
who is trying  
to use  
the Backyard's power  
to damage  
the world.



A world  
which defines  
everything  
on this  
Earth.



The  
Backyard...



Special  
It can't  
be! ...



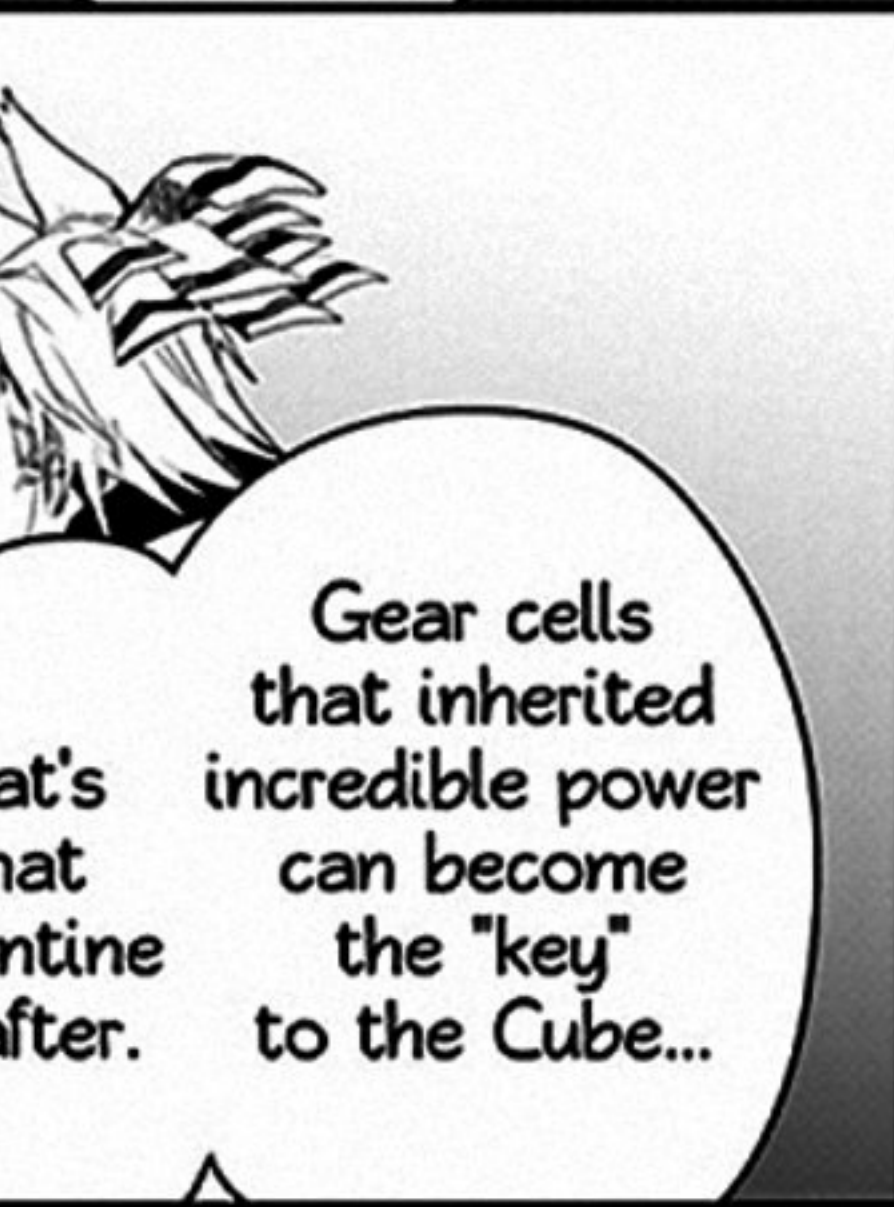
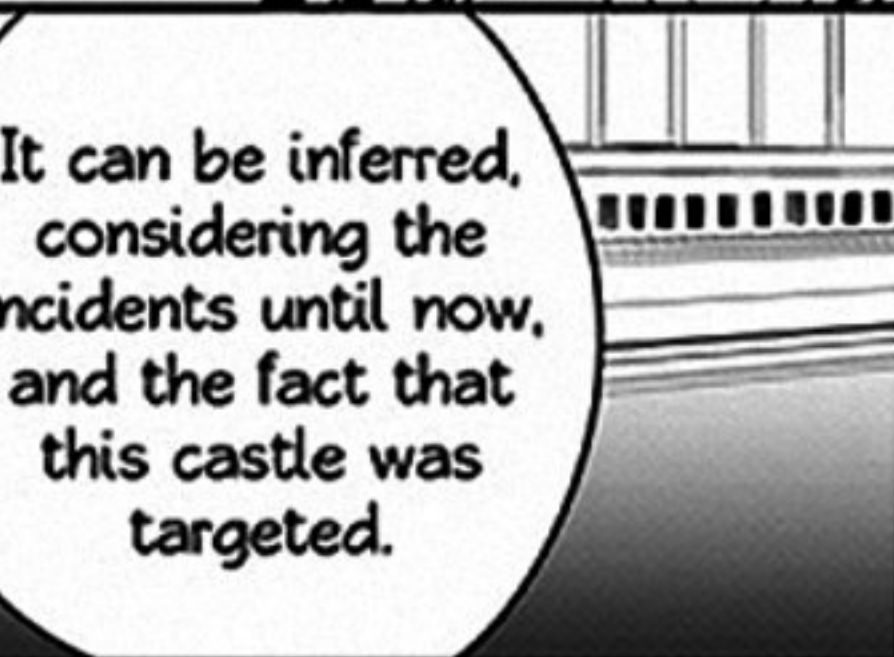
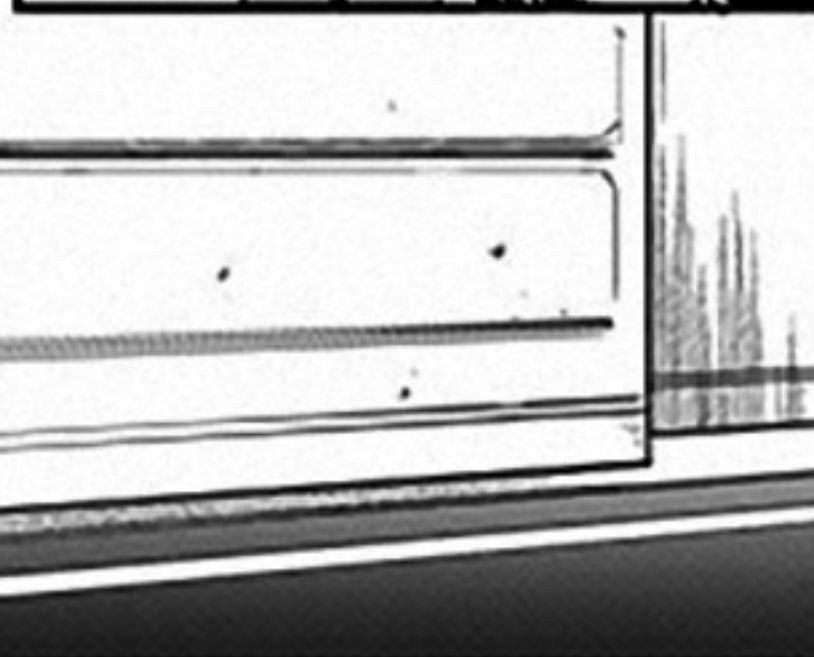
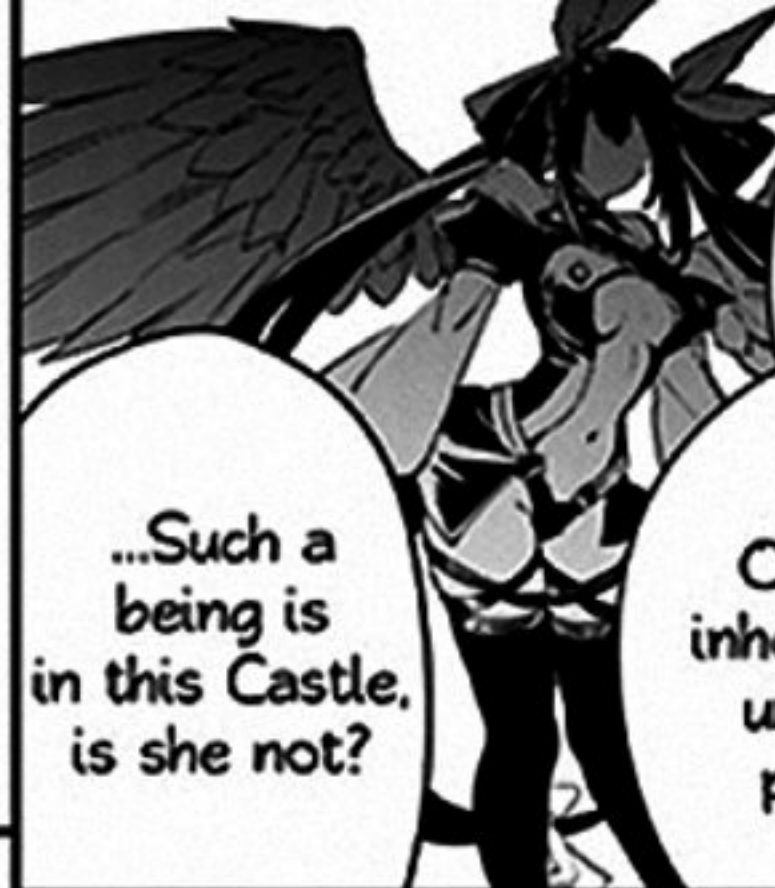
It requires  
special  
Gear  
cells  
to unlock.

The Cube  
is  
locked.

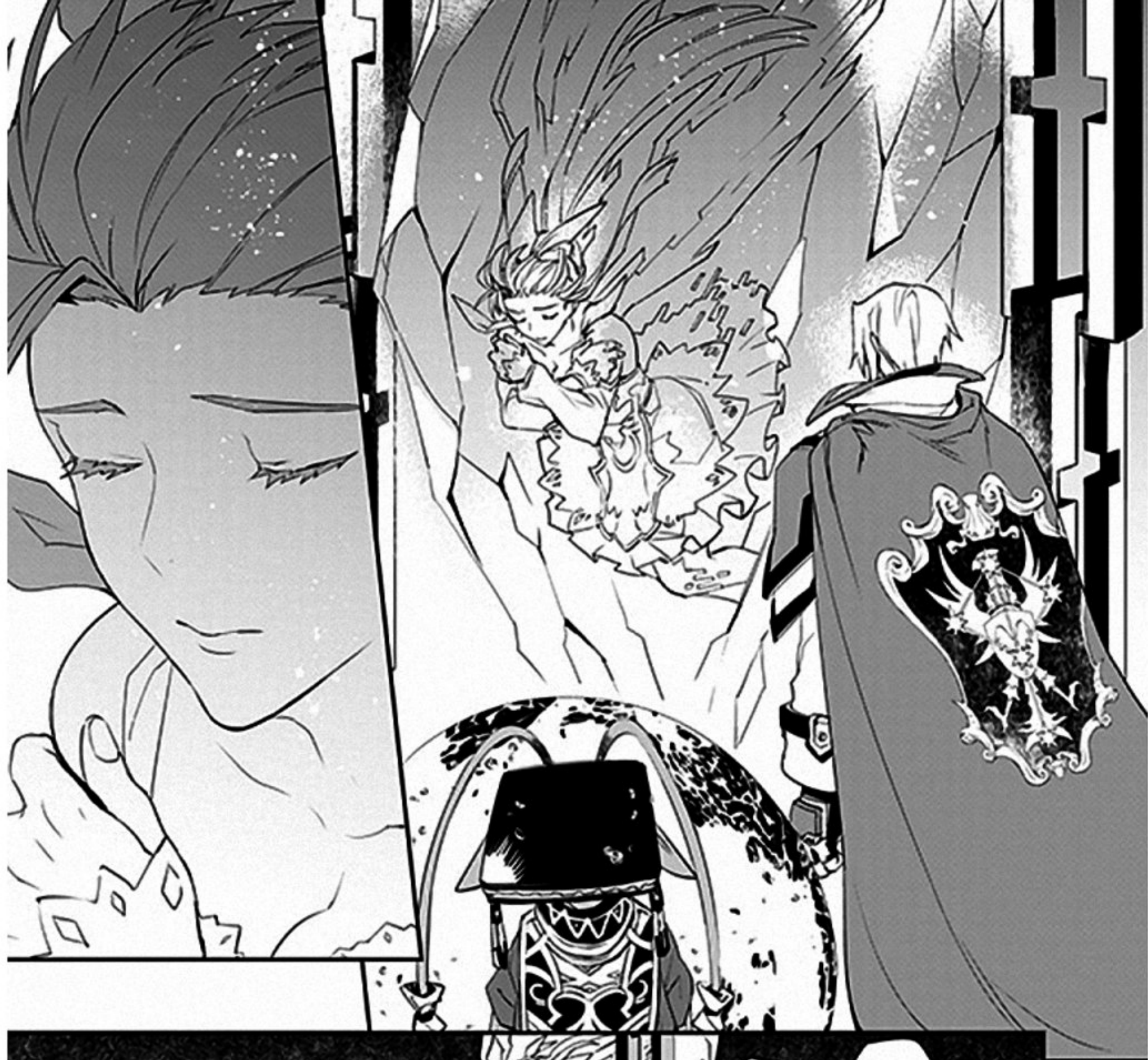
it's a world  
which can  
overwrite  
the rules of  
our world  
freely.

To put it  
roughly,









Undoubtedly,  
she is a  
back-up  
for  
Justice!

This  
is  
...  
As I  
thought,  
her Gear  
cells are  
very similar  
to those of  
Justice.



Nothing can be compared to the destruction of the world.

King, you must not ignore the big picture.



We must prevent her from falling into the enemy's hands, at all costs.

I will not allow that!



We must destroy her!

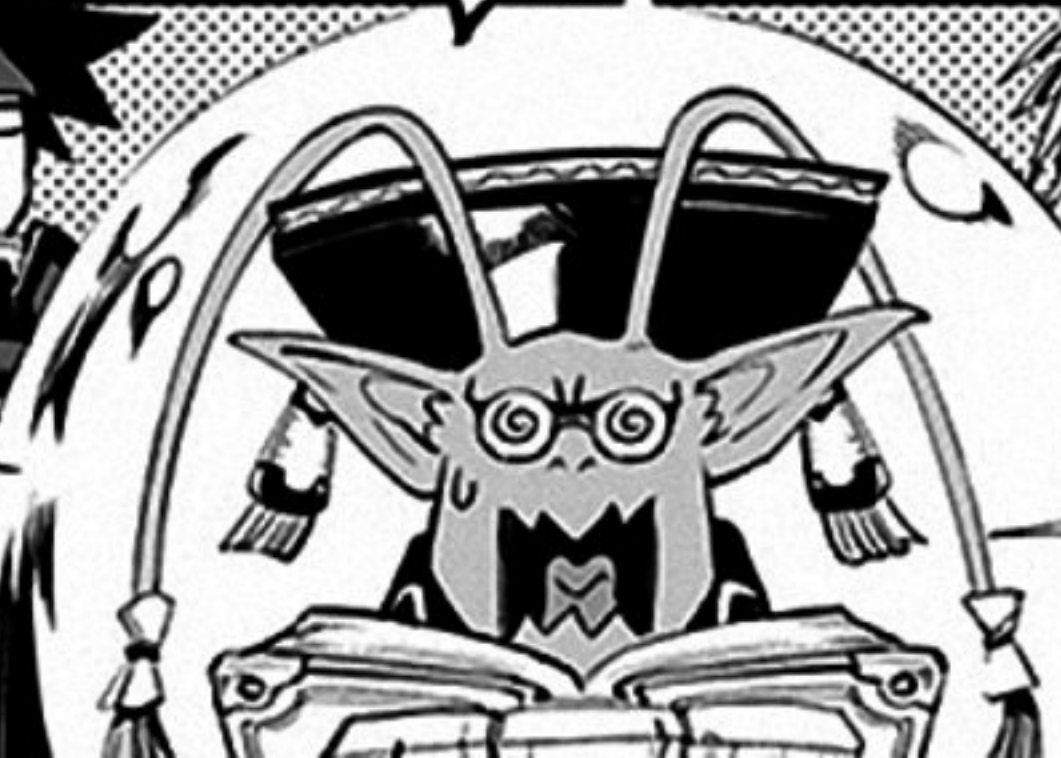


Surely, you don't mean to say you've fallen in love with this Gear!

I do mean to say that!



You do...?



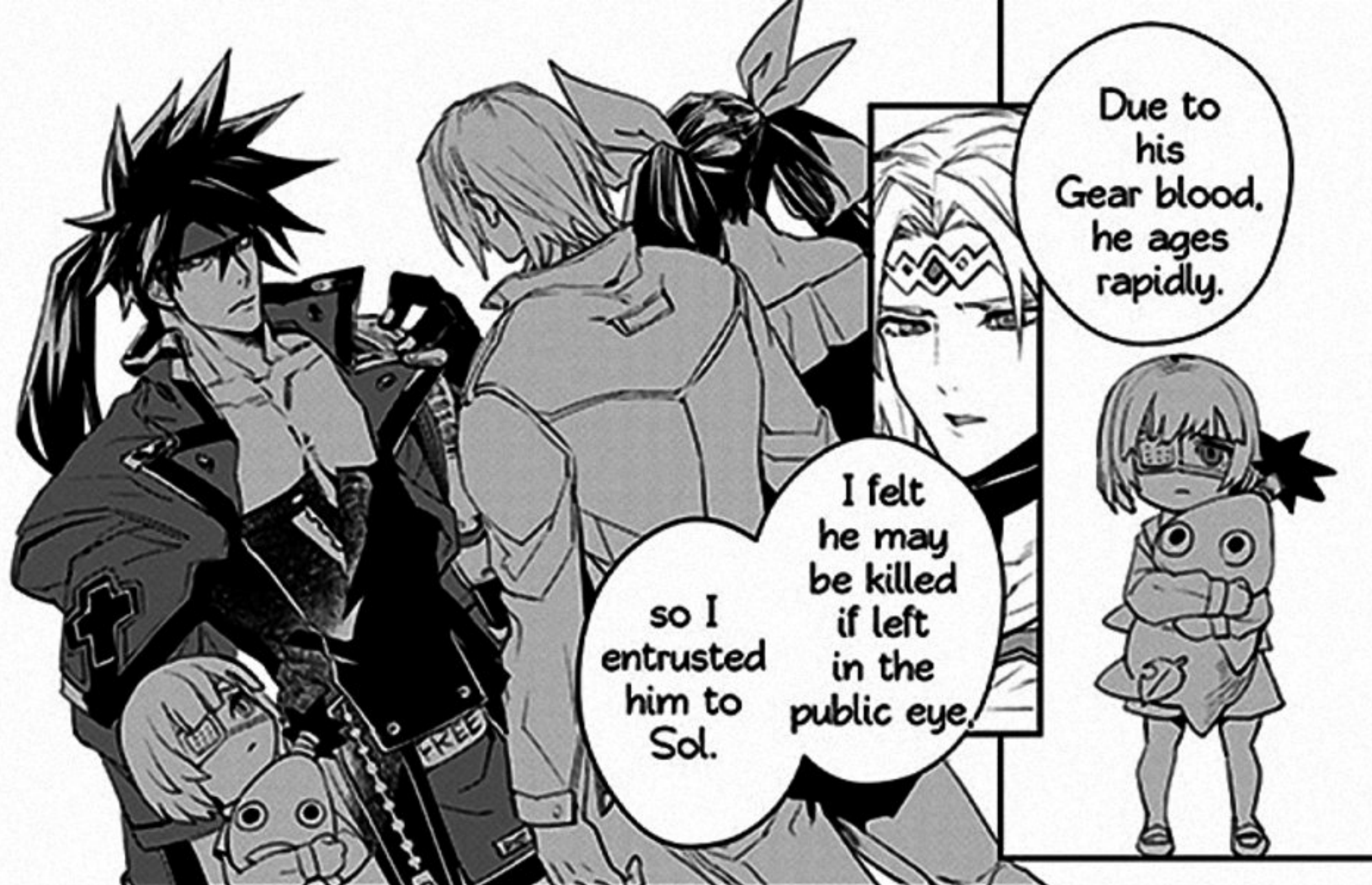
Hmmmmmm!?!  
Oh...















I was able to trace the spell!

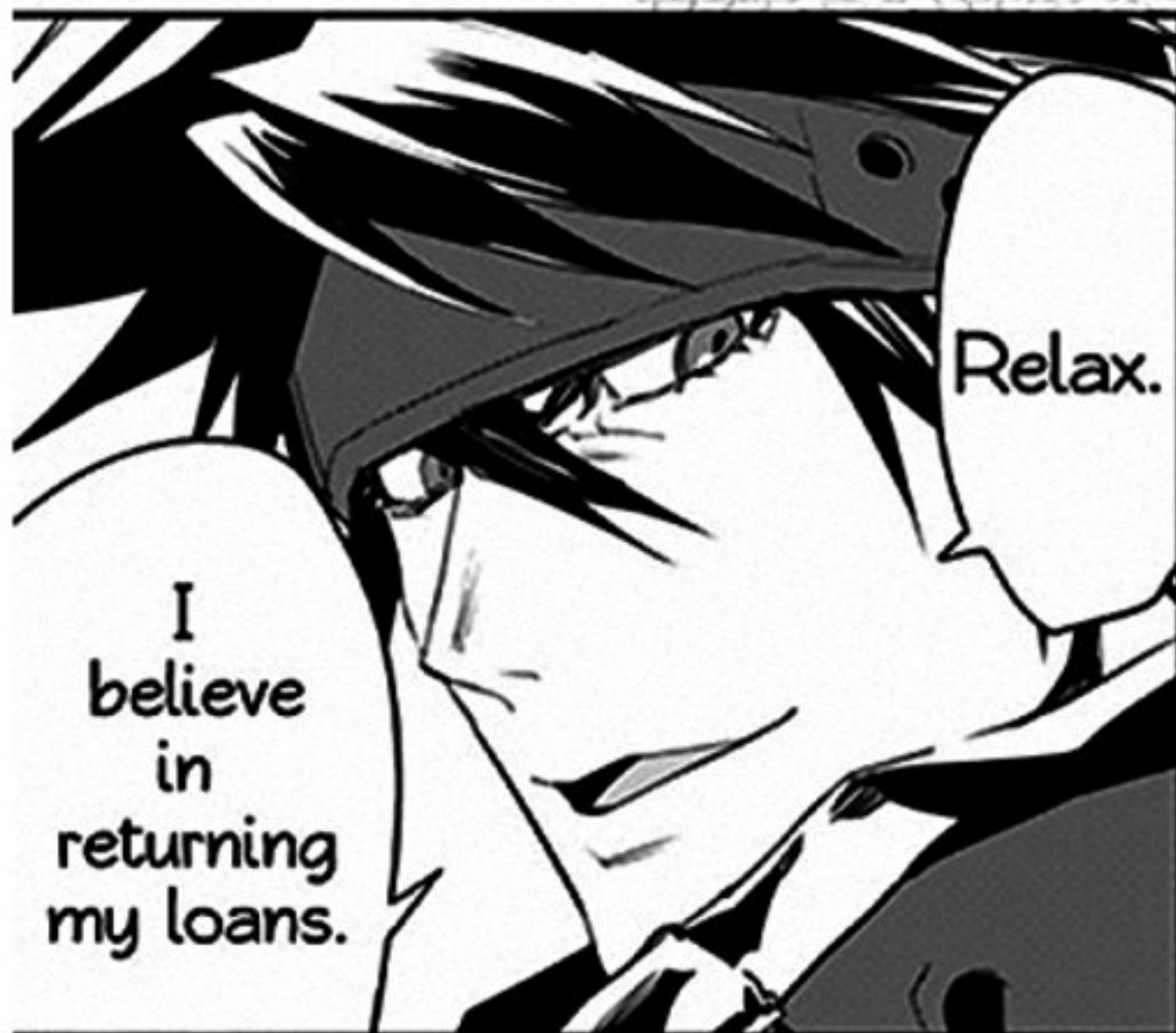
Let's go!



Woosh!..

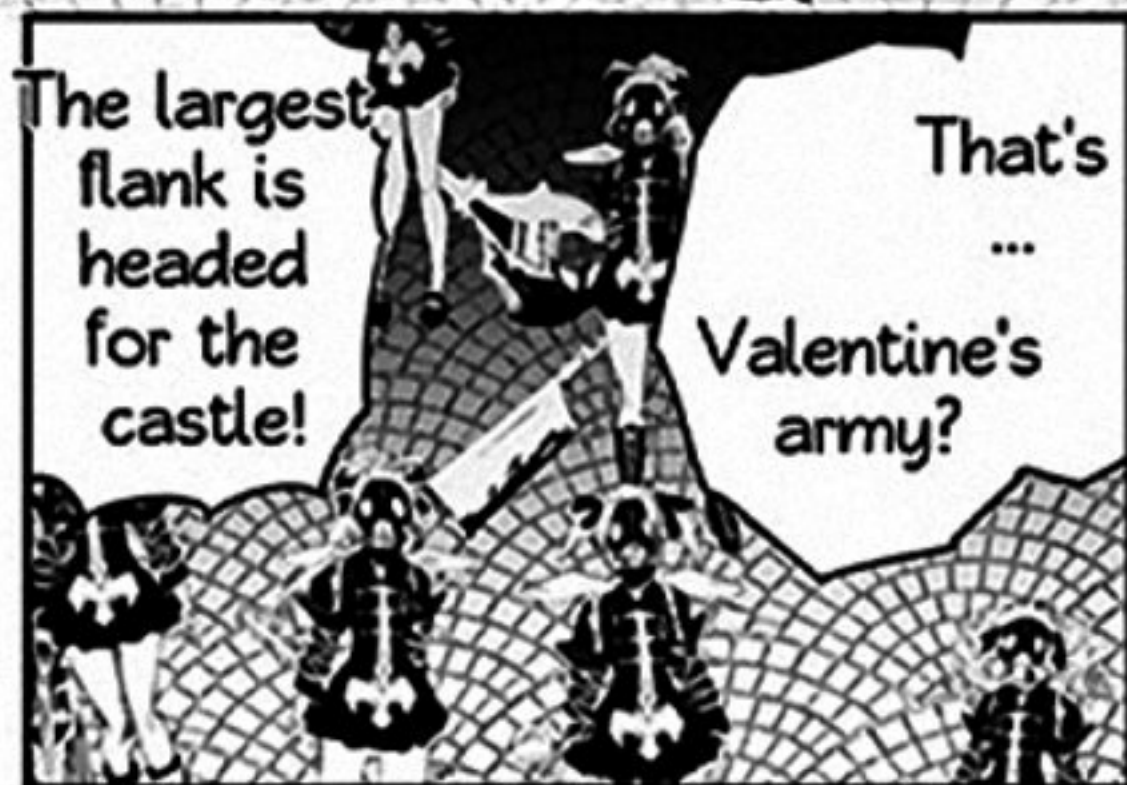


Sin!



Relax.

I believe in returning my loans.



The largest flank is headed for the castle!

That's ...  
Valentine's army?



I'll... protect the castle.

I can't leave my people like this.





Sol...

Thank  
you...



Something's  
not right!

Sin!

Valentine's  
going on  
ahead to  
the gate,  
so...

Okay,  
then.

I  
belong  
...

Sin  
belongs to  
Valentine  
now.

You're  
too late.

Kill  
them,  
okay?

Sin.

to  
Valentine,  
and  
only her,  
now...







I  
feel  
amazing!

H  
a  
h  
a  
h  
a  
h  
a  
!



So  
you're  
stronger,  
yeah?

You're  
Sin's  
teacher,  
right?



Cause I  
could take  
you down,  
no problem.

I've been  
holding  
back.

I've never  
gone  
all out  
fighting  
with you  
before, see?

Did  
ya  
know?

I've  
always  
wanted  
to fight  
you  
for real.

Sol.



You  
heard  
him.







Shut up!  
He's not...

Your  
strikes  
are  
light.

This is  
my  
true  
power...

You  
must have  
gotten  
that from  
your dad.

From  
Mom's  
blood!

hid  
behind  
righteousness.

He...

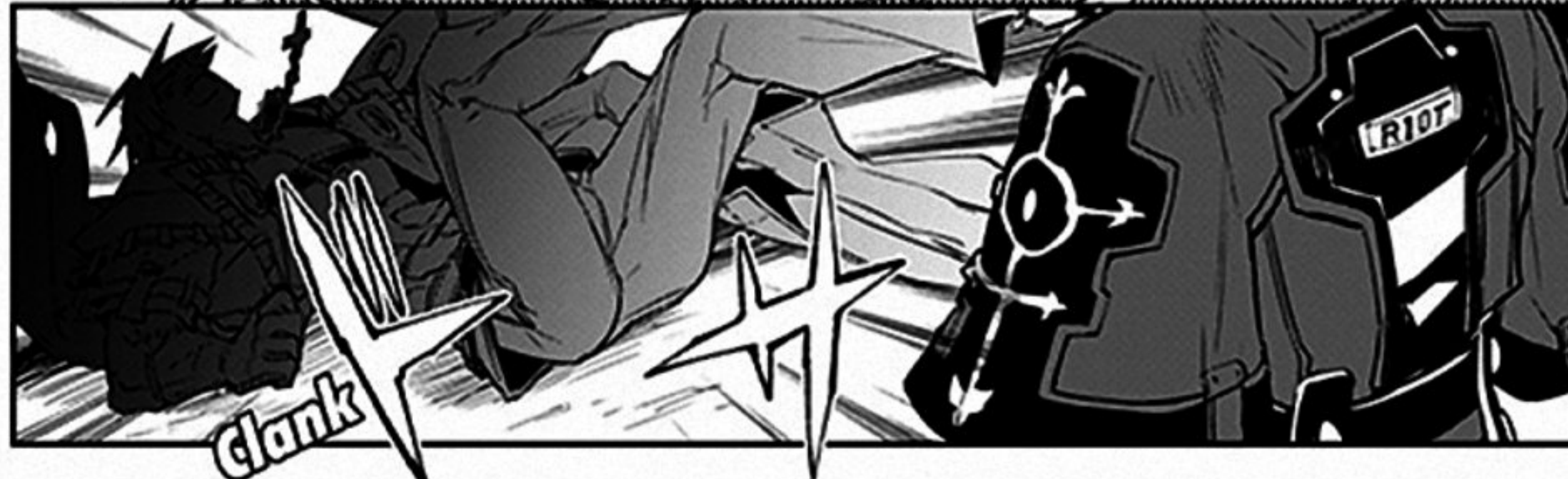
Don't  
talk about  
him!

Clash













She probably  
wouldn't be Although  
if Ky ...  
hadn't done  
everything  
he could.



...  
That's  
right...  
Mom!



I need  
to find  
mom!

Relax.  
She's  
fine.



Or  
we could  
all get  
wiped  
out!

We  
need  
to stop  
Valentine!

We  
don't  
have  
time for  
all this!

For  
real!?



He  
did?



...  
He...









I owe  
you one.



Do we  
have time  
for such  
idle  
banter?



So  
the  
delinquent  
King

stepped  
away  
from  
his throne,  
huh?

Heh  
...



Slash



Sin!





Yes,  
that's  
fine.

Hah!

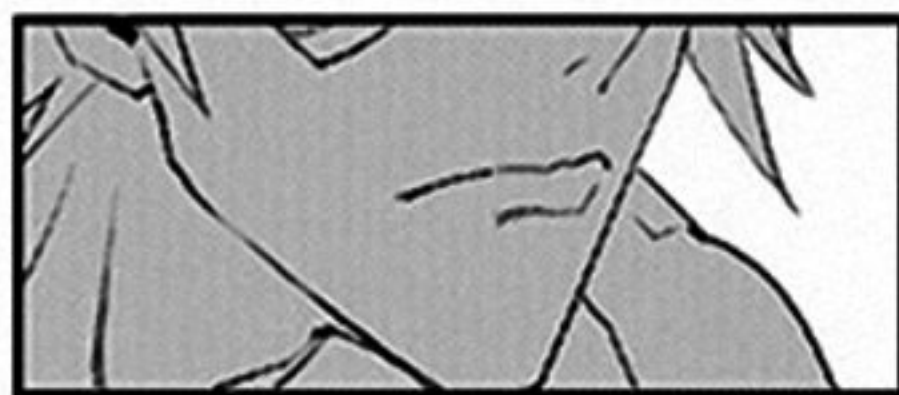
Don't get me  
wrong,  
I won't say  
thank you.




...I wasn't  
a good  
father  
to you.

And  
that  
brings me  
great joy.

Even so,  
I can now  
wield my  
sword to  
protect you  
and your  
mother...



It's too  
late to  
act like a  
good dad  
now!



...Now,  
go on  
ahead.  
I'll hold  
them off  
here.

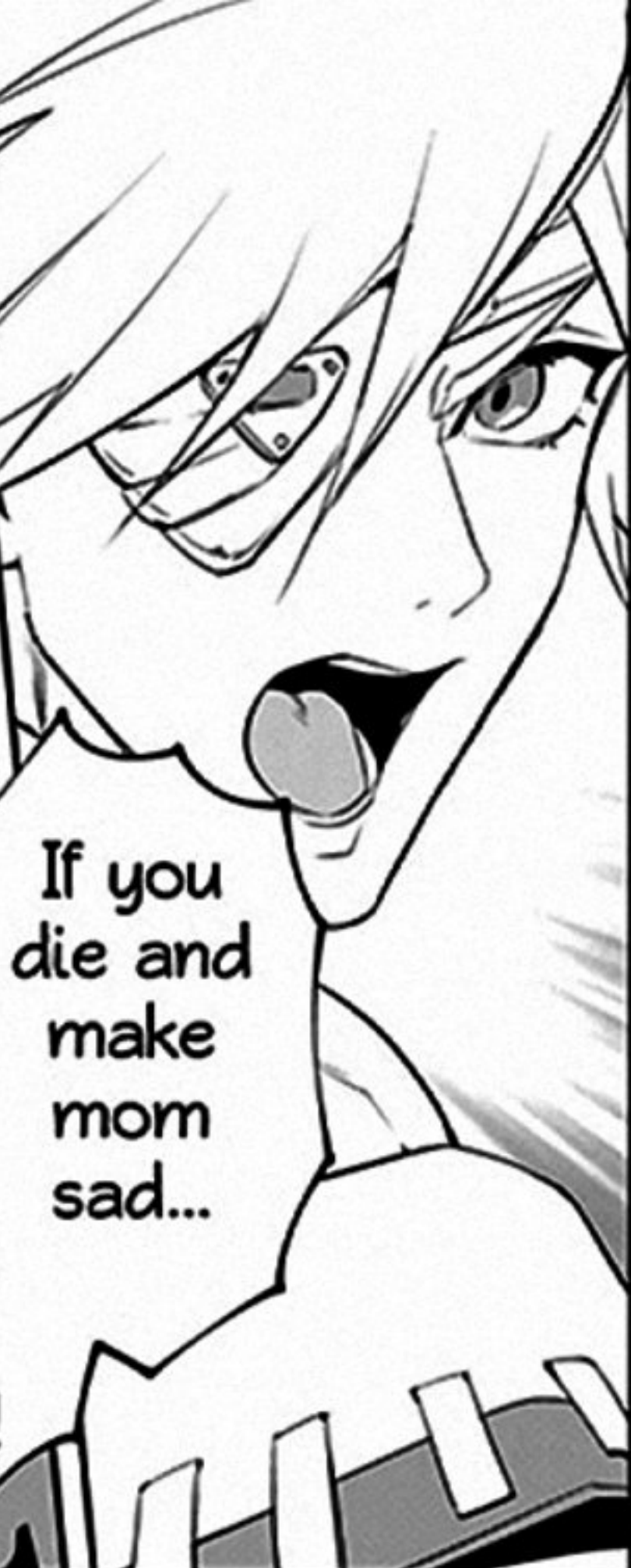


Ky!





Looks like  
I can't afford  
to lose  
this battle,  
then.



If you  
die and  
make  
mom  
sad...

I'm  
gonna  
be  
angry!



Past  
here...  
lies the  
Backyard.





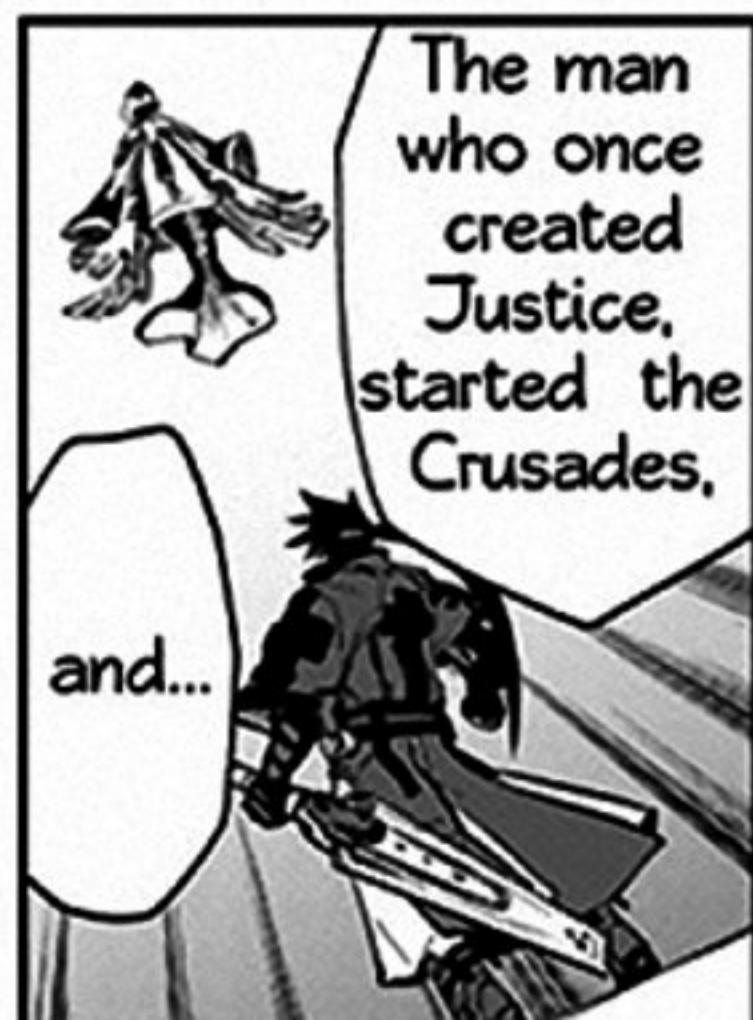
your  
sense of  
self will be  
destroyed  
due to the  
information  
density there.

If you spend  
too long  
in the depths  
of the  
Backyard,

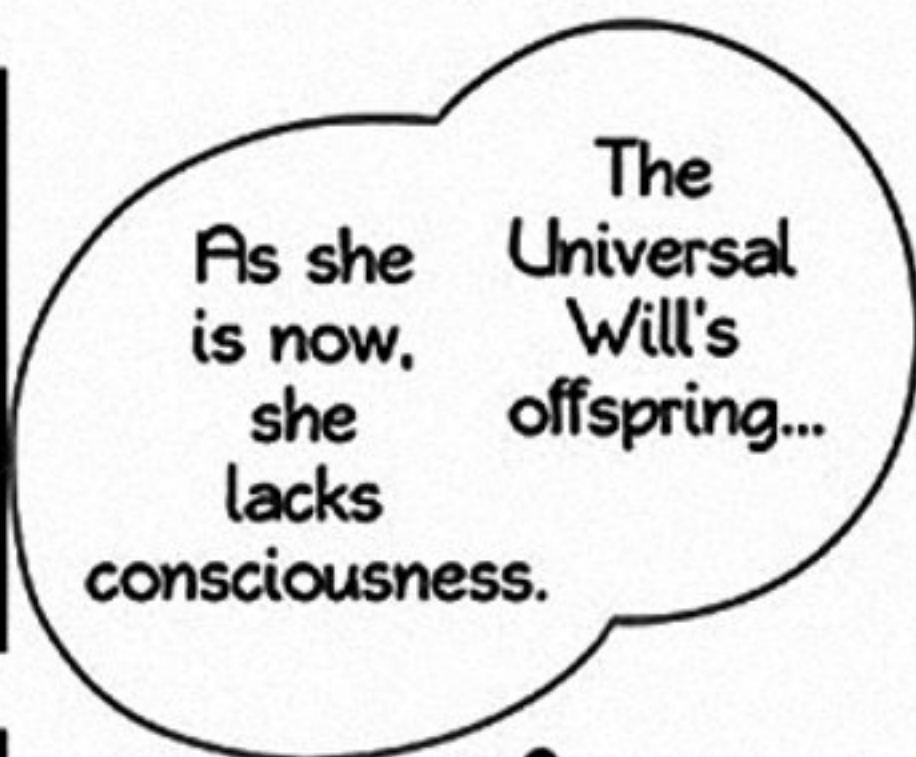


Frederick.

It's  
been a  
while.













This is  
enough to  
make even  
my head  
hurt...

This  
place...  
what  
incredible  
information  
density...

Voom

You'll  
get used  
to it  
soon.

deal with  
the  
tension  
from the  
external  
pressure.

This pain  
comes from  
your body  
trying to

Bear  
with  
it!

So  
that's  
the  
Cube?



This  
again?  
My  
head's...  
ringing ...

It would  
seem  
Valentine  
has  
already  
activated  
the key.

How did you  
get this far?  
Unexpected.



Hm...  
Hmmm...

What  
is  
this?

Oh.



Is it  
inefficient  
not to  
under-  
stand  
"emotions"  
?

Why?  
I don't  
under-  
stand.

I  
can't  
under-  
stand.

I haven't  
failed,  
and yet...

I feel  
sick.



What's  
going on?

The  
reason  
Valentine  
exists...

Has  
no  
value?



This  
is  
"irritating."











Bang



Vooooom

This  
magnitude  
of magic  
is  
unbelievable!



This is  
typical  
of  
him.




We can  
disarm  
it?




Listen!  
The Cube  
is not  
entirely  
unlocked  
yet.  
We may  
still  
be able to  
dispel it  
now.





B... but,  
I can't say  
whether  
Izuna and I  
can hold out...



I thought  
I recognized this  
spell...

I hate to admit it,  
but it's a lot like the  
form of the  
Gear code  
running  
through me.



Clang




Sin !

We have  
hope!




My  
bad!

I had  
some road  
trouble  
on the way  
here.



Go,  
old man!

I'll  
handle  
things  
here!



Dash

I'll  
leave  
it to  
you!









**Beak Driver!**

Uwaaaaaahh!

Oh no,  
everyone,  
get in  
here!

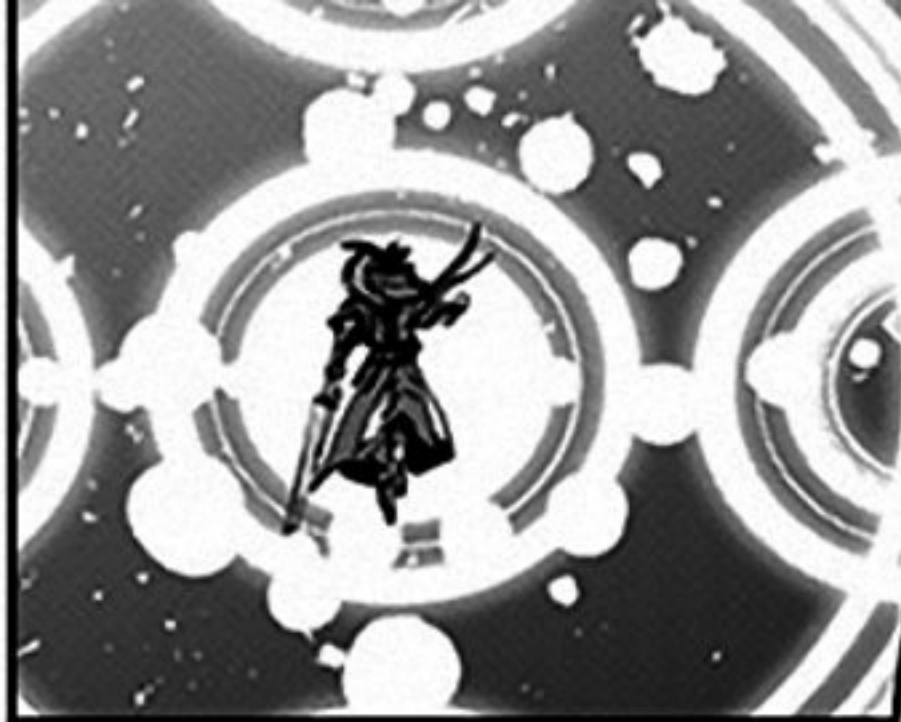
A huge  
projectile  
is on  
its way!

Swoosh

**Aegis Field**

Vooooom





This should...



Vooosh...

finish it!







Screeeeech

Valentine  
has  
no  
purpose.

It's  
over...  
It's  
no  
good...



She's  
going to  
self-destruct  
!

Oh  
no,  
old man  
!



Go  
on  
ahead.



Frederick  
!  
Hurry  
!

What  
are you  
doing,  
old man  
!?

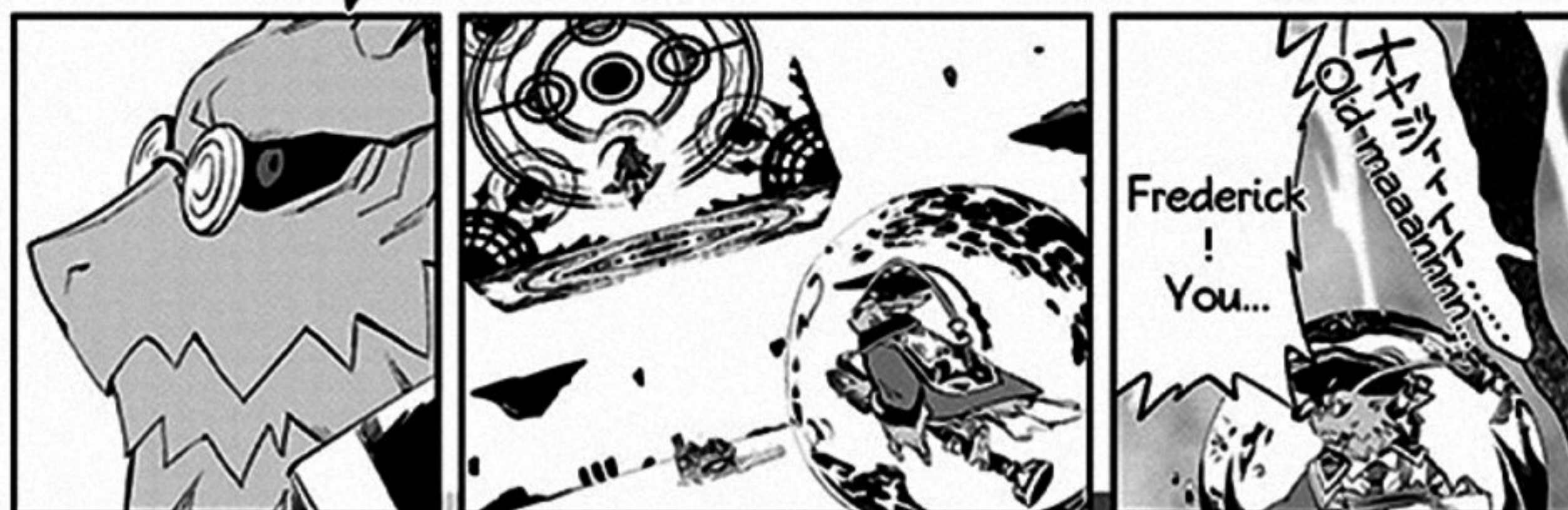


She's  
trying  
to  
trap us  
in here!



Damn!  
The gate  
is  
closing!







My goal  
no longer  
matters ...

It's  
over...

I don't care  
about  
Mother  
anymore.

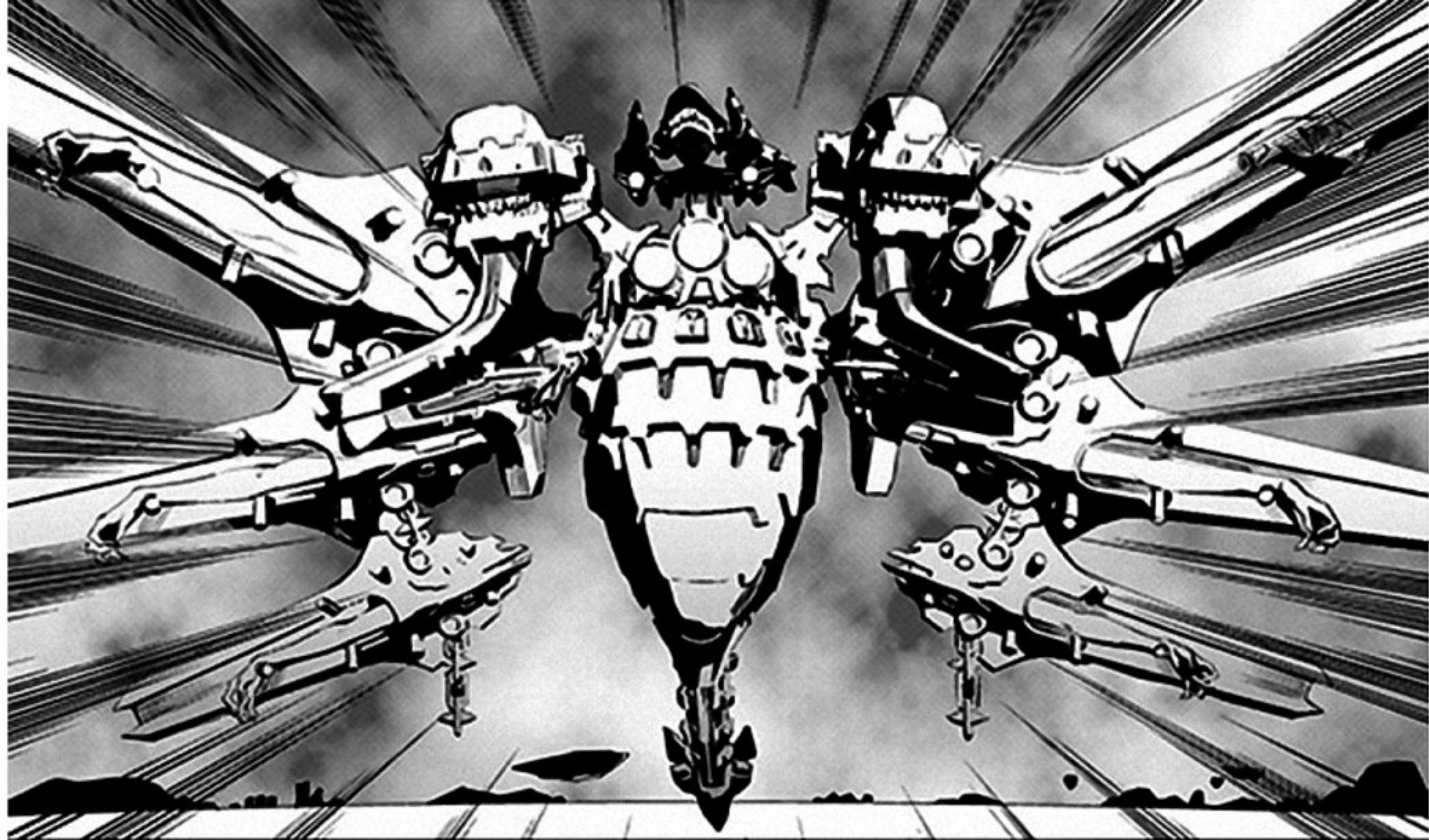
Die,  
already.

You  
irritate  
me.

***You  
piss  
me  
off  
!!***

**Booom**





I like you  
a lot more  
this way.

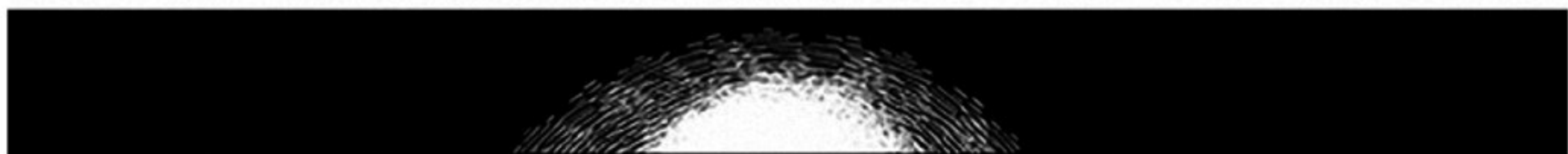
Too bad  
we can't  
get along.















...Aria...









The innocent masses have no such chance.

You're fortunate to be able to play at all.



Tch...  
So we were playing into your hand?



Wait!  
Dammit!  
I'll kill you!



go.

... Now,



Voom...



Was this your doing?

She looked exactly like Aria...!

Valentine...



... Answer just one question!



Let's meet again, Frederick.

Shut up!



Wha...!?



Me... and you...

She killed us.

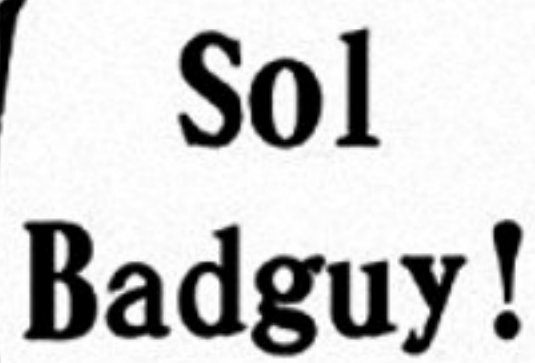


No.

But, she...



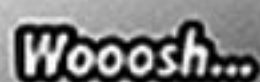




**Sol  
Badguy!**



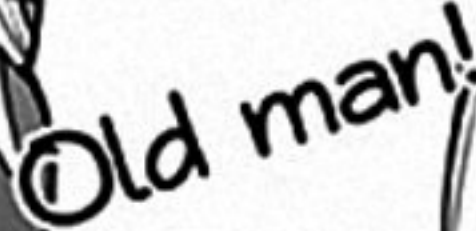
**My...  
My name  
is  
Sol!**



**Wooosh...**



**Oh  
my!**  
**It's  
amazing  
you're  
unscathed.**



**Old man!**



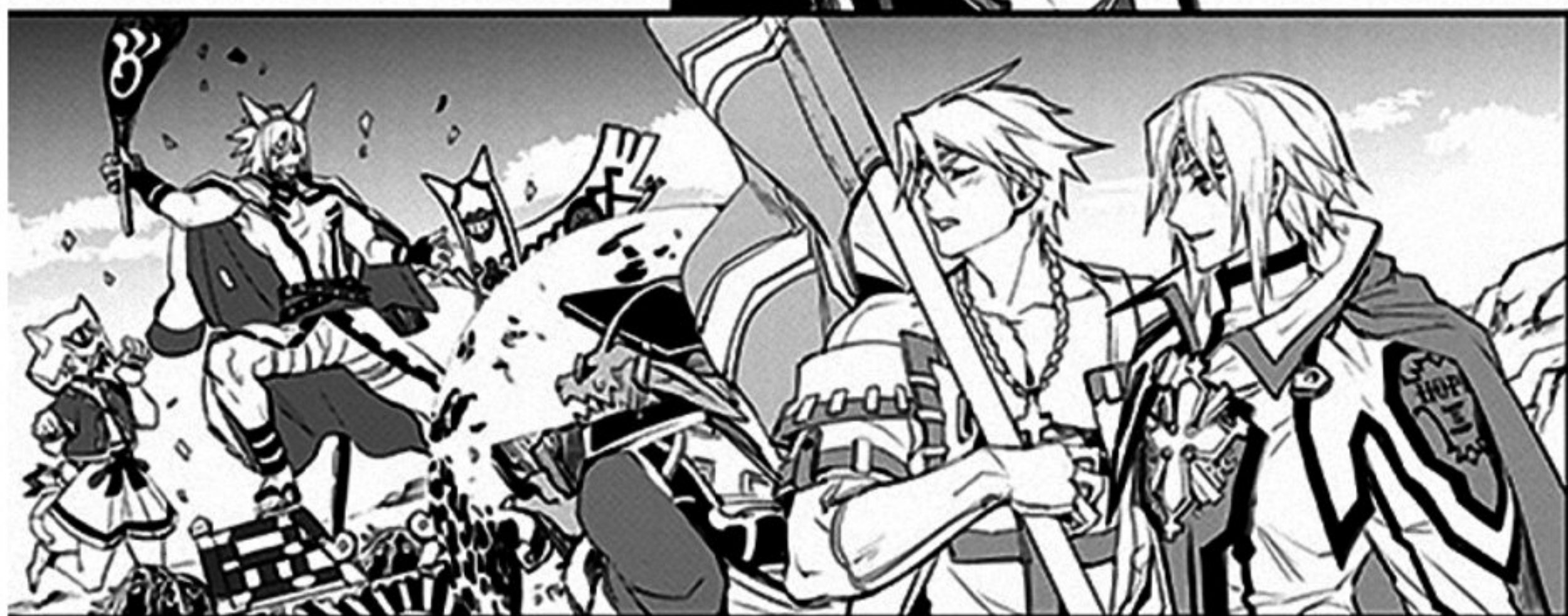
**Frederick!**



**Old man!  
You're  
back!**

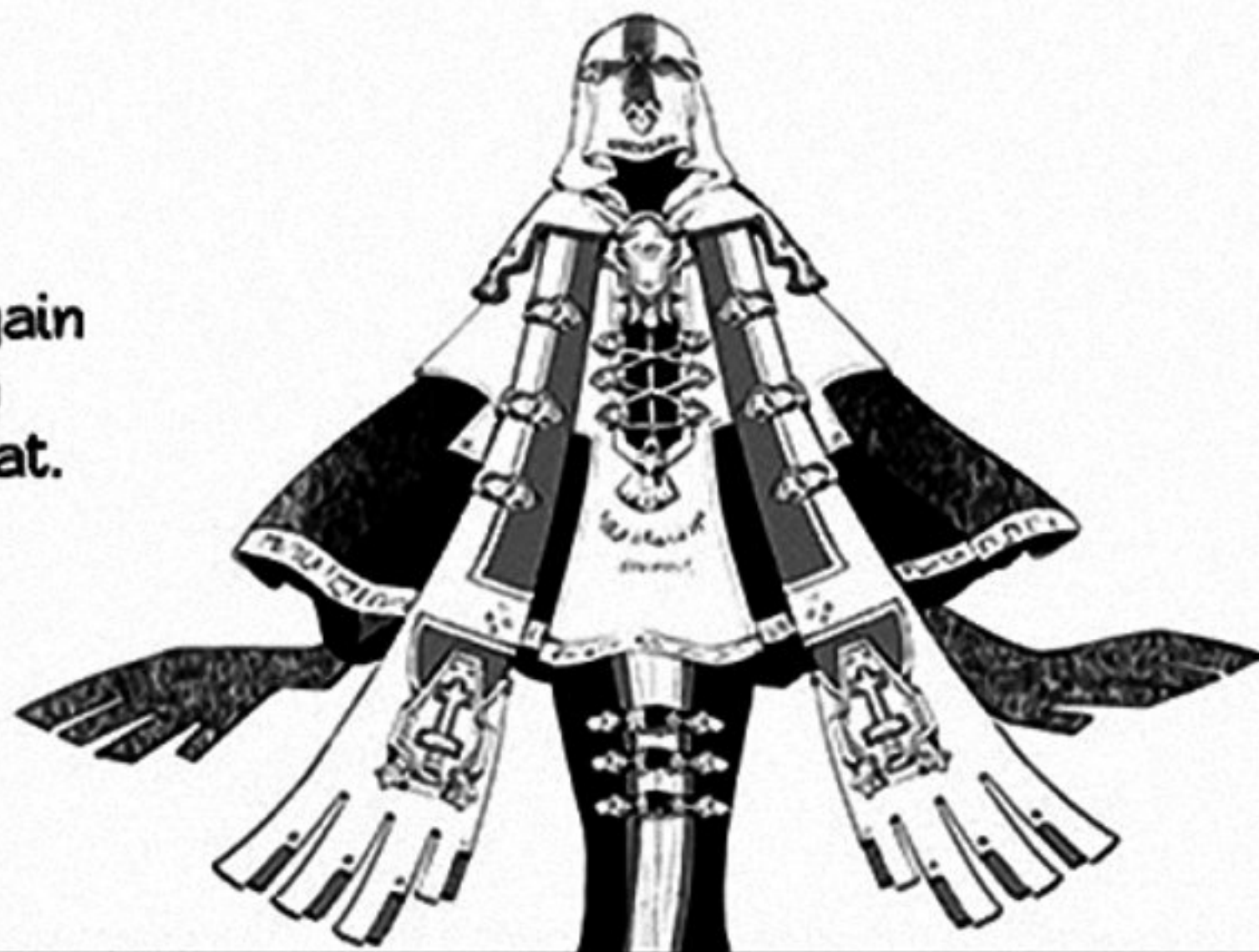








It will  
come back again  
as an even  
greater threat.



This  
won't be  
the end of  
the  
Universal  
Will.

...Live, Flame of Corruption.

UNIVERS



Just  
what  
are you  
thinking...?





# Final Chapter



## That Man

A black and white illustration of a character wearing a white hooded cloak with 'UNIVERS' written on the chest. A mechanical device is attached to the front of the hood. The character is standing in front of a large, dark, mechanical structure.

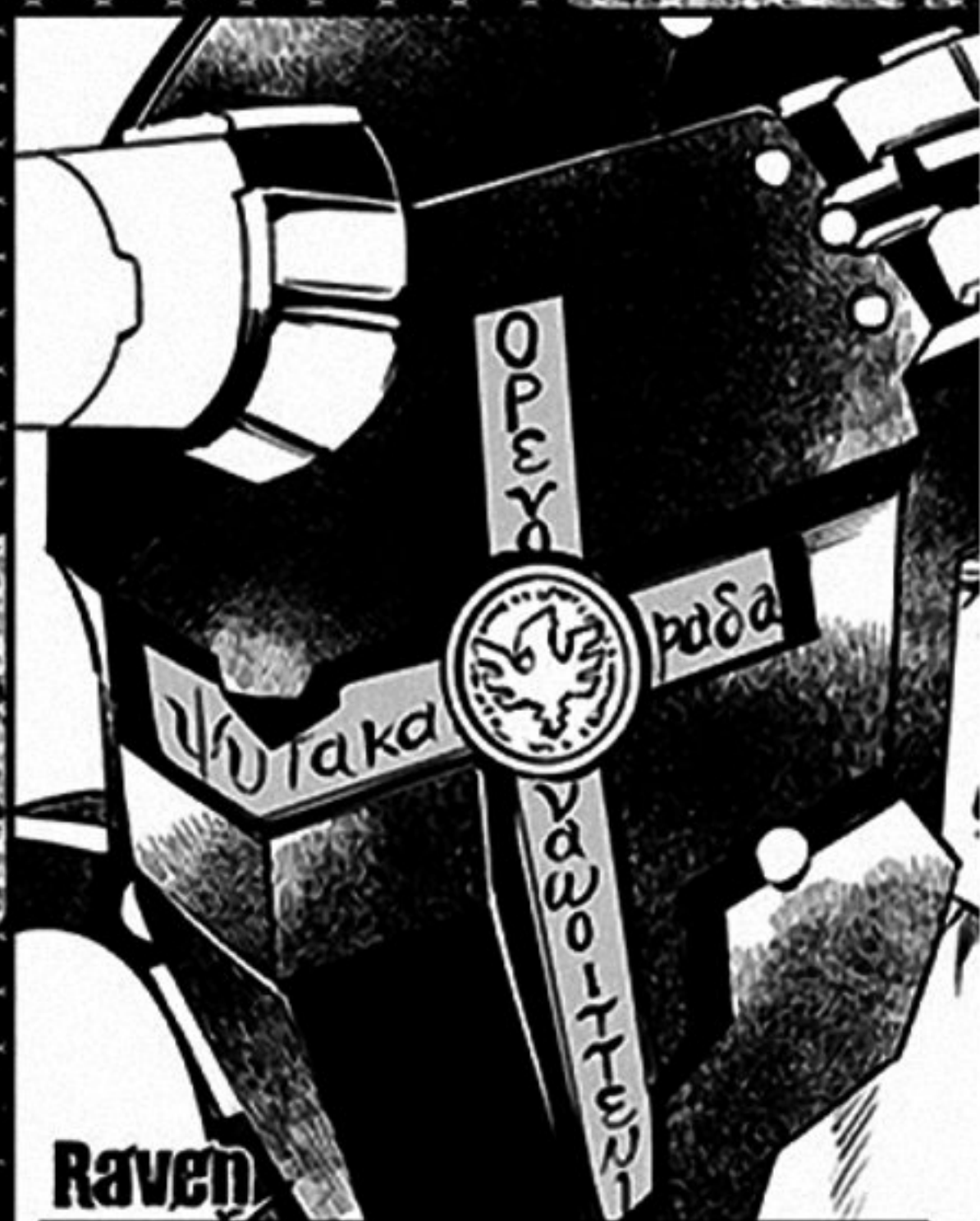
The worst criminal of human history, who created Gears, incited the Crusades, and caused critical damage to mankind. However, he ends up saving Sol. What is his goal?

They defeated Valentine. Was she the true enemy, though? What was her motive? The next messenger from the Backyard came in a way no one expected.



## Ramlethal Valentine

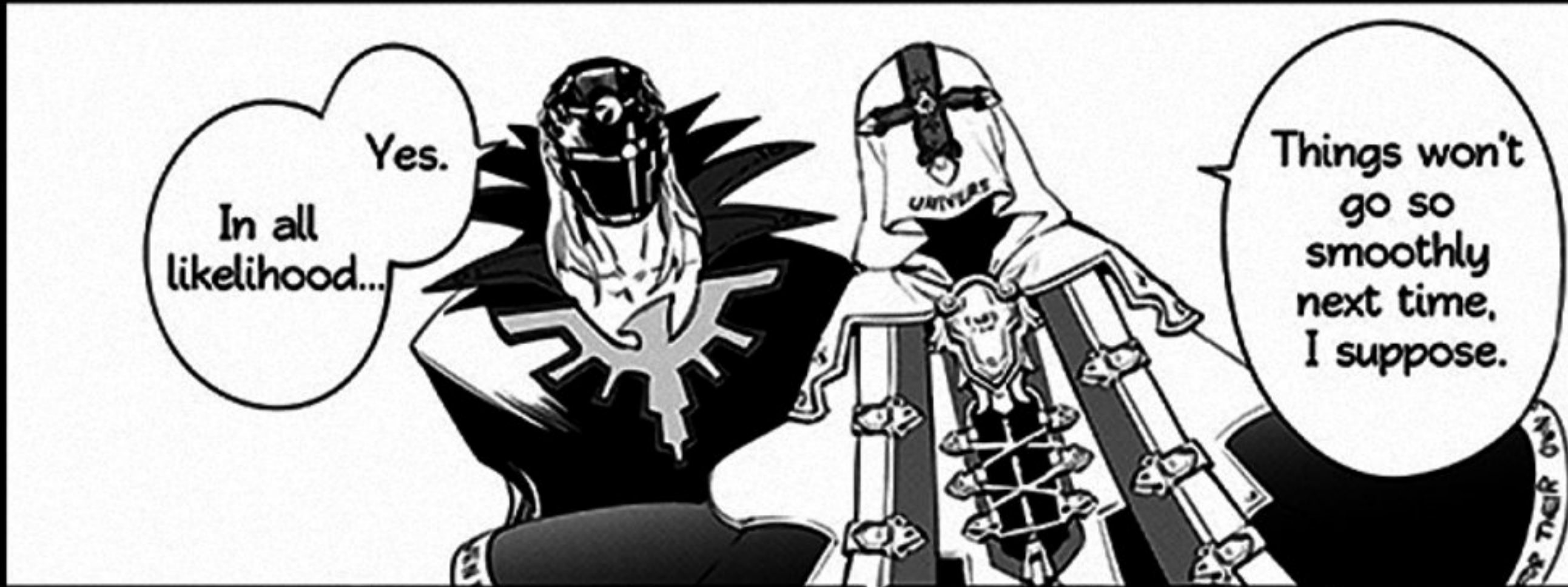
A visitor from the Backyard. She suddenly declares war on mankind.



## Raven

One of the three people close to That Man. He was born in the era of the Holy Roman Empire. He's also known as the "Immortal Disease," and possesses the impossible ability to revive even after being torn apart so brutally nothing is left behind. He's constantly seeking new stimulation.





Yes.

In all likelihood...

Things won't go so smoothly next time, I suppose.

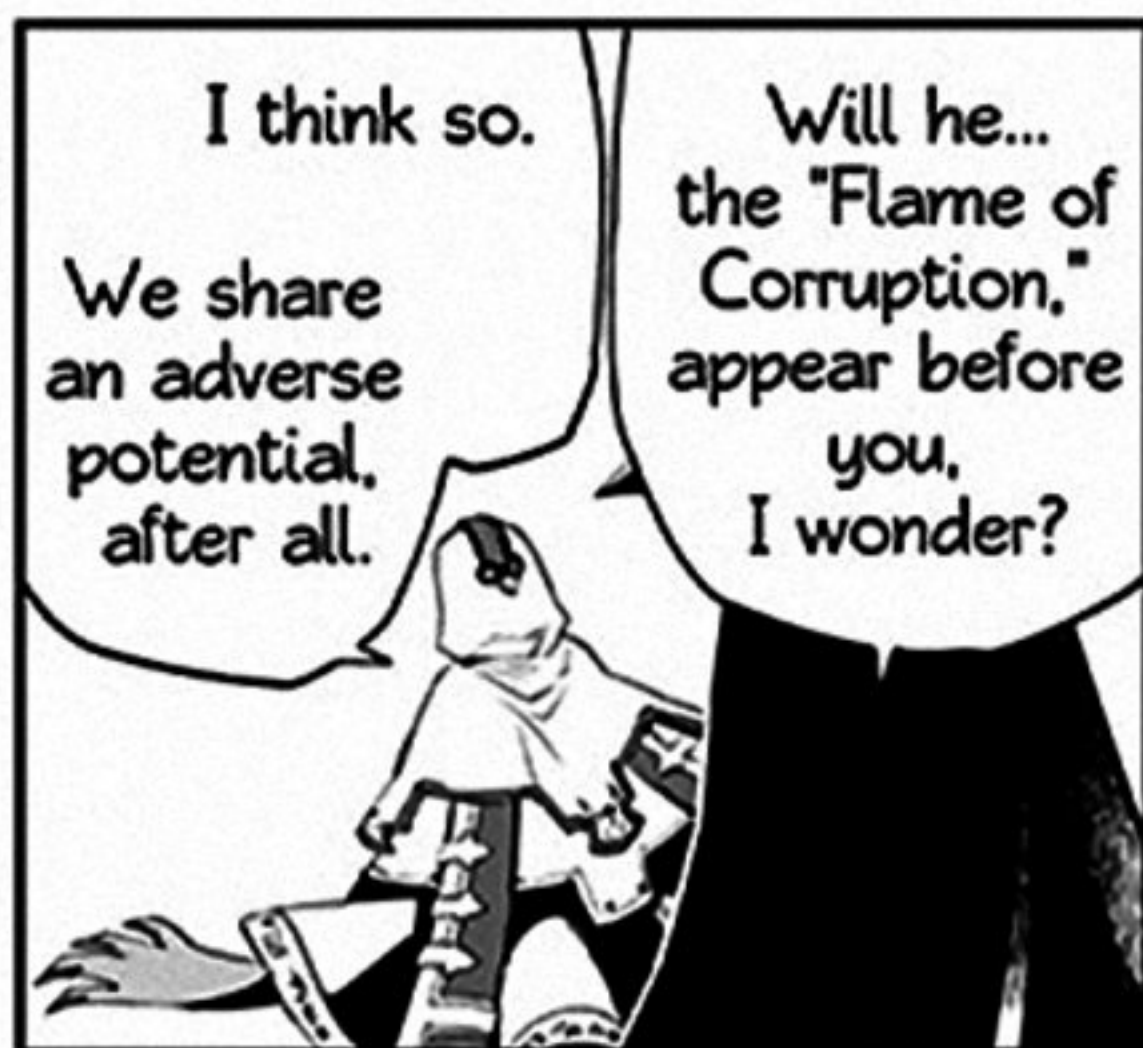


...I vow

to protect you.



The gears have started turning, at long last.



I think so.

We share an adverse potential, after all.

Will he... the "Flame of Corruption," appear before you, I wonder?



The time of the "Will" approaches.



Yes, but...

History will tell of the circumstances of our times.



Eh...?

That won't be needed.



wait  
any  
longer.



Aria  
won't

**One year later...**


My name  
is  
Ramlethal  
Valentine.

**OCTOBER 21 , 2187 AT 12:12  
JAPAN**

I now  
declare  
war  
on the  
world.

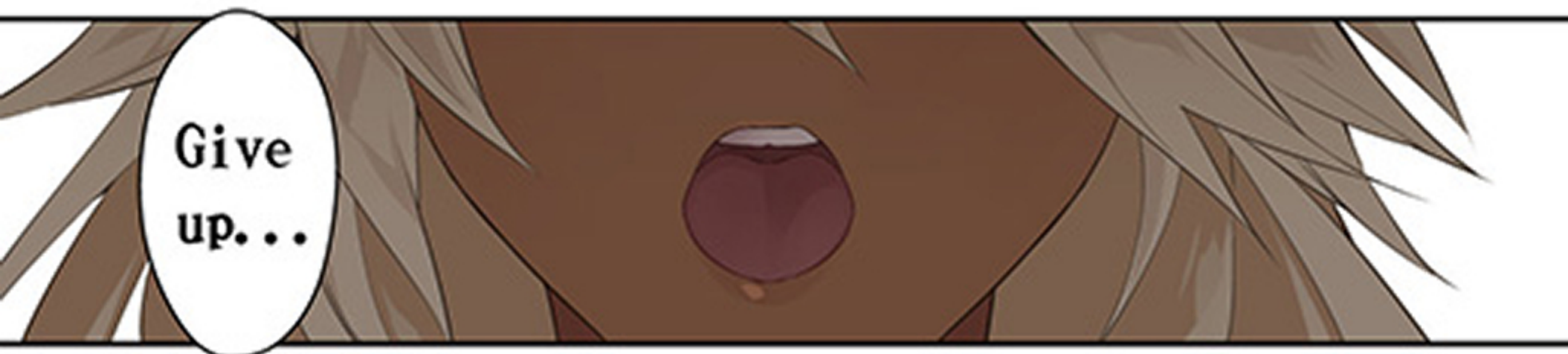






one of you  
useless  
humans

I will  
eradicate  
each and  
every



Give  
up...



on the  
future.

To be continued in  
**GUILTY GEAR Xrd**  
**-SIGN-**